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Savir: Tibi role could be dangerous

DAVID MAKOVSKY

BRINGING Israeli Arabs like Yasser Arafat's adviser Ahmed Tibi into the peace process as negotiators would be "dangerous," outgoing Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said

He added that this would blur their identity and because of this, he refused to hold talks with Tibi.

Savir, 43, a spearhead of the secret Oslo talks and crucial player in subsequent peace negotiations with the Palestinians, is leaving the Foreign Ministry this week, after 21 years as a career diplomat and top aide to Shimon Peres. He is expected to be replaced by his deputy, Eitan Bentsur.

Savir, who bid farewell to ministry workers yesterday, is to join a Shirnon Peres peace center which is to be established and affiliated with the Hebrew University. He is Labor Party politics before the next election, but for now he is entertaining offers from the private sector.

He calculated yesterday that he spent about 3,000 hours negotiating with the Palestinians, which began in May 1993 in Oslo, continued through the Gaza/Jericho First talks and culminated with the Oslo II accords.

Timber

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Terje Larsen, the Norwegian academic who belped initiate the talks and has since become UN special coordinator in the territories, said of Savir, "I think there is no greater compliment to say about Uri than to say without him, the Oslo peace process could not have been possible."

Before departing yesterday, Savir had lunch with diplomatic correspondents and made the following observations:

• The Palestinian track is so vital that contacts must continue, often by security officials on both sides, on a "minute-by-minute" basis. He voiced concern that if this did not occur, the peace process "while irreversible in terms of Israeli control over Palestinian lives, could still go backward."

He said great energy must be invested to find points of convergence with Arab interlocutors, as there are always a thousand reasons why not to reach agreement. The key is to find the right reasons

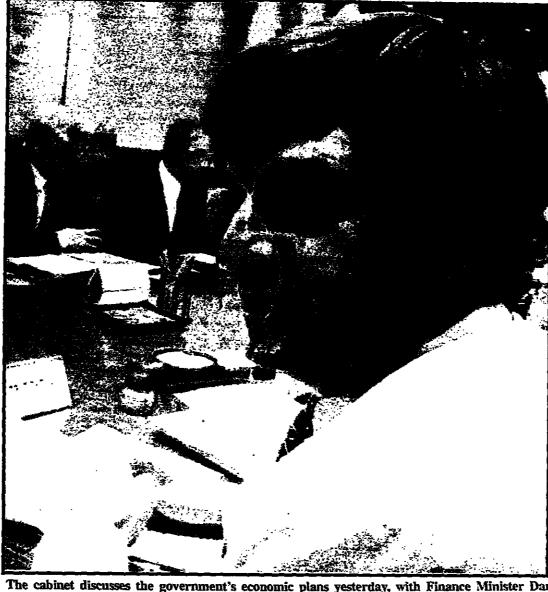
There needs to be greater appreciation by both Israelis and Palestinians about the importance of public opinion on each side, and can only stem from "greater curiosity" by the media of both sides about the other's society. The lack of curiosity ensures that each side has too little knowledge about the other, Savir said.

David Rudge adds: Tibi expressed astonishment last night at Savir's comments on Israeli Arabs.

"It appears that he [Savir] feels that he has successfully completed dealing with the peace process and there are no more dangers hovering over the process, and he found the spare time to launch a biting personal attack on me. I cannot

accept or understand this.
"The statement of Mr. Savir that he is against the participation of Israeli Arabs in the peace process, in any form, is dangerous, racist and paternalistic," he said last





The cabinet discusses the government's economic plans yesterday, with Finance Minister Dan Meridor in the foreground, and Foreign Minister David Levy (left) and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in the background. Story, Page 8.

Officials concerned over Turkey-Israel relations

WHILE publicly voicing confidence, Israeli officials remain privately concerned about the impact that the ascension to the premeirship of Islamic party leader Necmettin Erbakan will have upon burgeoning Turkish-Israeli

In an Israel Radio interview yesterday, Ambassador to Turkey Zvi Elpeleg sounded sanguine about the unprecedented elevation of an Islamic leader, saying it will not affect the close bilateral relationship which in February was crowned by a military accord between the two countries.

Moreover, Elpeleg sought to encourage Israeli tourists to return to Turkey. Tourism levels are currently significantly below last year's high-water-mark of approximately 300,000 visitors.

In remarks made over the weekend, Erbakan charted a middle way between East and West in foreign policy, espoused free-market reforms and paid homage to modern Turkey's secularist founder, Ataturk. "Cooperation with both the West and with the Islamic, Central Asian and Balkan countries with which we have spiritual and historic links will be increased." Erbakan said at a presentation ceremony for his new cabinet.

In a reference to the recently signed military deal with Israel. Erbakan said he would abide by

Suicide bomber kills nine Turkish soldiers

TUNCELI, Turkey (AP) - A woman with explosives strapped to her body blew herself up in the middle of a military ceremo-'ny yesterday, as a marching band played the Turkish national anthem.

Nine other people died and 30 were injured, some of them seriously, said Gov. Necati Bilican, who blamed Kurdish rebels. The Anatolia news agency reported 35 people were wounded. The Germany-based, pro-

rebel DEM news agency said it had no rebel statement or claim of responsibility for the attack. Earlier report, Page 4

Germany wins crown with first 'golden goal'

LONDON (Reuter) - Germany won the European soccer champi-onship for the third time when they beat the Czech Republic 2-1 in yesterday's final with the first "golden goal" of the tournament.

Substitute Oliver Bierhoff hit the deciding goal in the fifth minute of extra time, his second of

the game.
Full report, Page 10

DAVID MAKOVSKY

previous international agreements, "but permission will not be given for implementations that are against national security and national interests." Before assumcancelling the military agreement and also urged closer ties with han and Iraq. Officials in Jerusalem say pri-

vately they expect internal consultations here to discuss the impact on the bilateral relationship. They say there is no way to know now whether Erbakan will seek to change either the content or tone of the ties.

Yet, officials in Jerusalem say, there are reasons not to be overly pessimistic about the ascension of Erbakan.

First, Erbakan's deputy and foreign minister will be the staunchly secular Tancu Ciller, who has been a proponent of close ties with Israel and visited here.

Second, while President Ezer Weizman created a stir in Turkey with his remarks that the powerful Turkish military will not allow ties with Israel to deteriorate, officials in Jerusalem believe the military in Turkey will indeed main-

Moreover, under Turkish rules, armed forces are subordinate to President Suleiman Demirel, who also is known to be friendly to

Meanwhile Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said in remarks published yesterday that Iran will take all necessary measures to protect its security and will not let Turkey get away with a cross-border air raid. Referring to the Turkish-Israeli

pact, which allows each country to use the other's airspace for pilot training, Velayati said: "We have taken serious and decisive action to neutralize the potential danger coming from the Turkish-Israeli accord," Reuter reported.

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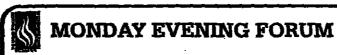
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Peretz fires opening shot in Histadrutgov't battle

To meet Netanyahu, Meridor following today's warning strike

SOME 400,000 workers are to hold a one-hour warning strike this morning to protest the anticipated economic measures to be taken by the new government.

The strike will encompass government ministries, local authorities, Kupat Holim Clalit, public transport, and government corporations, including the Israel Electric Corp., Bezeq, El Al, the Ports and Railways Authority. Israel Chemicals, Israel Aircraft TAAS-Israel Industries, Industries, and others.

In most workplaces the workers will hold protest meetings from 10 to 11. The banks will be closed from 8 to 9, and post offices will open only at 9. Workers at the National Insurance Institute announced that they will also not receive the public this afternoon, to protest the fact that since 1979 no new workers have been hired, and their workload has increased

considerably.

Hospitals will operate with skeleton Shabbat staffs, and firefighters and Magen David Adom will handle only emergency cases. Disruptions are expected in train

MICHAL YUDELMAN

The Histadrut called the strike as part of its fight against the govemment's plans for privatization that will probably lead to mass dismissals, and against possible cutbacks in social services, price hikes, and violation of workers' pension rights.

Despite Finance Minister Dan Meridor's promises not to harm the lower-income earners and not to raise taxes, Histadrut leaders said that the drastic cuts in health, education, and welfare budgets and a proposed 1 percent hike in VAT are tantamount to wage cuts and tax increases for salaried Histadrut Chairman MK Amir

Peretz decided not to wait until the government actually moved on these issues, and fired the Histadrut's opening shot yesterday, with disruptions at Bezeq. Peretz is scheduled to meet

Meridor and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu today, to discuss the proposed economic program.
The Histadrut and its econo-

mists know as well as we do that if we don't take these measures the workers will be the first to be hurt." Meridor said. "We intend to take a course which will cause

less damage and do more good."

Peretz, who decided on the warning strike with the large unions last week, said over the weekend that despite his requests that the Treasury coordinate its economic moves with the Histadrut, there were indications that the government was planning unilateral steps.

The Histadrut is demanding to be a parmer to the economic pro gram that will affect all the nation's workers, he stressed.

Some 200 union leaders representing some 50,000 civil service workers held an emergency meet ing yesterday at Histadrut head-quarters to coordinate the strike.

The private employers asked the Histadrut to cancel the strike in the business sector, since it would cause unnecessary damage. Peretz authorized local labor council secretaries to decide how the meetings in each workplace could be conducted so as to minimize dis-

Arbel: Knesset shouldn't provide refuge against indictments

THE state should try again to get Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi's immunity lifted by the Knesset, State Attorney Edna Arbel said

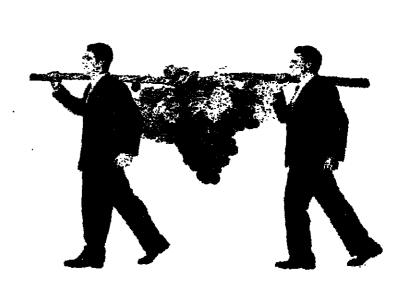
yesterday. "We certainly don't think the Knesset should be a city of refuge for people with indictments pending against them," she said, in her

EVELYN GORDON

taking office six months ago. Then attorney-general Yosef Harish decided to indict Pinhasi in 1993 for tax fraud and violations of the Party Funding Law, because during Shas's 1988 election campaign he had allegedly illegally hired yeshiva students, first meeting with reporters since

who are barred from working because they receive draft deferments. He then failed to report this to the tax authorities, and allegedly submitted a false set of books to the state comptroller. However, the Knesset refused to lift his immunity.

Now that there is a new (Continued on Page 2)



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Levy: PA activity in capital must stop

FOREIGN Minister David Levy demanded Palestinian Authority stop what he called "governmental activity" in Jerusalem that violated the Oslo accords.

"The Palestinian Authority has not kept its commitments, that is to say, that there shall be no govemmental activities on its behalf in Jerusalem and we will stand by this, that these activities stop, Levy told Israel Radio.

The radio said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would withdraw invitations to foreign dignitaries, including foreign ministers, who would insist on visiting Orient House during vis-

Army Radio said Netanyahu had instructed police to physically block any visits.

But David Bar-Illan, a top aide to Netanyahu, denied any decisions had been made about visits to Orient House.

Bar-Illan added that Netanyahu had formed a committee headed by Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani that would look into the legal aspects of Orient

Kahalani said Israel would make clear to the Palestinians that diplomatic visits to Orient House would be seen as a violation of the autonomy accord and

would not be tolerated. "What we are trying to do is enforce the law that bars Palestinian Authority activity in Jerusalem," he added. "The minute there are official visits at this site, the minute there is official activity under the title of the Palestinian Authority, we will have no choice but to close it

Kahalani added that police jeeps and roadblocks could be used to prevent diplomatic visits to Orient

"We are not getting into here who can and who cannot, rather that the activity should not exist at all," Levy said. "We have no opposition to the building, only the activity inside."

Palestinian Minister of Higher Education Hanan Ashrawi denied that Orient House acted as a office

"It's role is to reinforce the peace process." Ashrawi said, accusing Israel of trying to create a "dangerous" irreversible situation in Jerusalem.

Ashrawi also criticizėd Kahalani for saying that the new government did not intend to honor a letter Foreign Minister Shimon Peres wrote to Norway's late foreign minister Johan Jorgen Holst in 1994 guaranteeing that Israel would protect the status of PLO offices in Jerusalem. Holst hosted the secret Israel-

PLO talks that led to the first Oslo "If Israel wants to maintain its

credibility, it should respect this letter. This letter was one of the reasons for our acceptance to postpone discussion of the status of Jerusalem," Ashrawi said.

Palestinian Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein told reporters in Gaza: "Our activities in Jerusalem are not only in Orient House, they are everywhere...This is to provoke the Palestinians, and they start already the battle for

The film, however, did not

show how one of the attackers

was killed and at least three oth-

ers were wounded in the abortive

assault. The body of the

Hizbullah gunman was found

near the ramparts after the battle.

attacks have become part of the

organization's psychological warfare against the IDF, and the

SLA in particular, alongside its

Also yesterday, a Lebanese shepherd was badly injured when

he stepped over a mine planted in

a field just outside the security

The report said Nimr Maallawi's leg was blown off when he stepped on the mine

while herding his sheep north of

Zimrayya, 500 meters from the

ongoing military operations.

zone, Reuter reported.

eastern part of the zone.

Video films of Hizbullah



NEWS

The new IDF Spokesman, Oded Ben-Ami, receives his new rank of brigadier-general from Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak (left) in Tel Aviv yesterday. Ben-Ami, 43, replaces Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad, who will be moving to a senior post in the Intelligence Branch. Ben-Ami was previously Yitzhak Rabin's media adviser in the Defense Ministry, and before that was a reporter for Israel Radio and Army Radio.

Syria: Israel violates

human rights in Golan

SLA soldier wounded in mortar attack

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier was lightly wounded in a mortar attack yesterday on the same position in the security zone which Hizbullah gunmen tried unsuccessfully to overrun on Saturday.

Reports from Lebanon said several mortars were fired at the Kawjabeh outpost, in the north eastern sector of the zone, and at least one round directly hit the compound.

One of the SLA soldiers manning the post was lightly wounded. He was treated at the scene and later transferred to Marjayoun hospital.

Hizbullah was believed to have been responsible for the mortar attack which drew heavy return

fire from IDF and SLA gunners. Hizbullah gunmen on Saturday tried to storm the same position in one of the largest ground

BIRTHS

Birth: Dov and Roni Weintraub, Petah Tik-va, announce the birth, on Friday, Tamuz 11, 5758/June 28, 1996, of a son, brother to Url, Henut, Shani, Mordechel and Yoav, grandson to Aharon and Esther Wein-traub-Terner, Petah Tikva, and Moshe and Barbara Koha, Jenseten

assaults mounted by the organi-

heavily-armed Hizbullah fighters, equipped with modern weapons and protective gear including new helmets and flak jackets, tried to temporarily capture the stronghold. They were beaten off by the 14 SLA soldiers manning the position who stayed in their posts despite heavy Hizbullah fire from mortars, anti-tank missiles and automatic rifles.

A Hizbullah video film of Saturday's attack showed the gunmen reaching the parking lot of the outpost, just 50 meters from the fortified ramparts. It also showed three of the attackers clambering to a forward observation post, throwing a grenade

ARRIVALS

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SONIA SHERWIN 🦡

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DAVID RUDGE Hizbullah flag there.

zation in several years.

At the time, as many as 20 or 30

inside and trying to plant a

Anti-Defamation League's National Lead-ership Mission to Israel led by David Strassier, National Chairman, and Abra-ham Forman, National Director.

in the North is urging the government to set up a special ministerial committee to deal with their problems and monitor implementation of an aid program promised

Operation Grapes of Wrath.
"We have called for meetings as

equipping them."

should head the special committee the forum is urging the governgovernment and we don't want to

ment to establish. cause trouble. Nevertheless we are demanding the release of the "The matter of security and the money promised us - especially money for the shelters is urgent the NIS 37 million earmarked for because nobody can promise that constructing bomb shelters and Katyushas won't fall on confrontation line communities again, even next week," said

Members of the forum held an extraordinary meeting in Nahariya on Friday to decide on their future course of action to ensure the promised aid program It was suggested at the meeting

ARBEL

"We aren't always thrilled with

the police's investigations," she

said. "We're all sorry when an

investigation doesn't exhaust

At the same time, she added,

the police faces objective difficul-

ties, ranging from lack of man-

power to cases, such as the Hista-

drut investigation, where no

independent evidence can be

found to support the testimony of

someone who has turned state's

evidence, and therefore this testi-

Regarding the preliminary po-lice inquiry into Justice Minister

Ya'acov Ne'eman, Arbel said it is

possible the police will question

Ne'eman himself, but stressed

that the inquiry is not yet com-

plete. The inquiry relates to sus-

picions that Ne'eman tried to in-

timidate Martin Brown, a witness

in the trial of Shas MK Arych

Arbel said that Ne'eman's at-

tack on the State Attorney's Of-

fice, which he said was dredging

up the four-year-old incident be-

mony must be discounted.

IAF gets new OC

In a statement to the committee, Syria said: "Israel

has deprived Syrians of their basic means of free-

dom, tortured them in Israeli prisons and confiscated

their lands under various presexts, controlled the

marketing of their crops and cut the waters off from

The committee, appointed to check on human

rights violations in the territories, was told that Israel

had "increased its oppressive measures" since the

start of Arab-Israeli peace talks in 1991 in Madrid.

The three-member committee, visiting Syria as part of a regional tour to write their second 1996 report,

presents two reports a year to the UN General

continuation of the Israeli occupation of the Arab

lands and the occupation authorities' inhuman prac-

tices in the occupied lands."

Syria said there was "international anxiety at the

It urged the committee to include in its report the

fact that Israel refuses to allow it to visit the territo-

ries, and called on the international community to

force Israel to let it visit and see the "practices of the

MAJ.-GEN. Eitan Ben-Eliahu takes over command of the air force today. He will replace Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger who commanded the force for the retire. The ceremony will take. place in the North at the base from where Bodinger flew his first sorties.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Hebron leaflet: Burn ground under occupiers

JON IMMANUEL

LEAFLET distributed in Hebron yesterday called for "burning the ground under the feet of the occupier," a token of the frustration which is mounting with no clear sign that the IDF will redeploy soon.

About 30 Arab cars in downtown Hebron had their tires slashed during the night and although there were no eyewitnesses, Palestinians assume settiers did it to increase tension and reduce the chances of a an IDF withdrawal.

Further south, the village of Samua was under curfew for the eighth day. The curfew was imposed after some hotheads set fire to a bulldozer during a protest over land expropriation for a bypass road. Military sources said the isolation of the village is necessary to prevent protests spreading to Hebron itself.

The call for an uprising came in a leaflet by a Fatah activist, who has been sidelined by the Palestinian Authority, but is popular in the street Azmi Shuhi, 33, a merchant, called for "a day of burning the ground under the feet of the occupier next Friday, specifically rock and fire-bomb throwing. He also called for a general strike the following Tuesday.

"We will start to organize our strike forces everywhere in the Hebron area. The Israeli leaders and [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu at their head will take responsibility for not withdrawing from Hebron," the leaflet said.

A previous leaflet called for clashes last Friday. Shuhi's second leaflet was signed by "the Popular National Solidarity Committees."

The leaflets do not limit themseives to Hebron, but call for organizing for actions until a Palestinian state is established with its capital in Jerusalem.

Netanyahu has said he is studying the Hebron issue more carefully than any other single issue. Redeployment was delayed three months from December to find a way to secure the 450 settlers in the Jewish-populated quarter. It was delayed again after terrorist bombings originated in the Hebron area, and again after the defeat of the Labor government.

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Confrontation line communities

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syria has told a UN com-

mittee that Israel is carrying out "inhuman practices"

against its people in the Golan Heights, official

They said the Syrian Foreign Ministry on Saturday

told a UN committee that Israel was "demolishing

the Arab identity of the Golan... and imposing the

Also yesterday, Syria urged the G-7 countries to put pressure on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu

Official media welcomed a statement by world

powers at the G-7 summit calling for a revival of

Arab-Israeli peace negotiations as soon as possible

and reaffirming that "land for peace" remained the

"This is a positive step...in the framework of

"Rich countries have enough ... political and eco-

expressing that peace in the Middle East is an inter-

national demand...," the ruling Baath party newspa-

nomic influence to turn their wishes into acts to

implement UN resolutions. This is what is needed

now if these countries really want to achieve peace in

Israeli nationality on the Syrian citizens.'

to accept returning Arab lands for peace.

sources said yesterday.

basis for a settlement.

per al-Baath said.

THE Forum of Heads of by the previous government after

soon as possible with the prime minister and all the relevant ministers to start to deal immediately with all the problems relating to the region," said forum chairman Shlomo Buhbut, mayor of Ma'alot.

(Continued from Page 1)

Ben-Yair to try again.

thing political.

Knesset, the Movement for Quality Government in Israel recently

"But there is someone whose job that is, and that's the attorney-general," she added. Arbel also criticized the way the police conduct investigations.

asked Attorney-General Michael

Arbel declined to express her

opinion on the propriety of Shas appointing Pinhasi to chair the Knesset House Committee. which handles immunity hear-

ings, saying it would not be proper for her to be involved in any-

With deep sorrow, we announce the untimely death of my darling wife, our mother, sister and grandmother **SONIA SHERWIN**

née Goldstein The funeral will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, July 2, 1996 (15 Tammuz 5756) at 5 p.m. at the Kibbutz Nahshon cemetery. We will meet at the parking lot next to the kibbutz dining room.

> Deeply mourned by: Her husband, Sam Her sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Michal Raphael and Deganit

Her granddaughters, Lihl and Yarden Her brother, David and Vera Goldstein and children Her sister, Della and Charile Monteflore and children Shiva at the home of the deceased, 264/3 Rehov Meir Feinstein, East Talplot, Jerusalem, from Wednesday, July 3, 1996.

With great sorrow we announce the passing of

MARCIA K. LEVINE

(née Krevsky) of Jamaica, New York Funeral today, 14 Tammuz 5756 (Monday, July 1) at about 5:30 p.m. Har Hamenuchot, Jerusalem

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cause it did not want an observant Jew as justice minister, had caused "discomfort" in the office, adding she hopes things would smooth over.

Deri, four years ago.

"It's certainly a difficult period changes [in the ministry's top personnel], and changes always cause a certain amount of turbulence," she said. "But people who have been through similar changes here say it always seems

residents into the bomb shelters. We can't afford to put our trust in

weeks, but afterwards things

Buhbut. The situation in south Lebanon can change for the worse at any moment and send all the any understandings" like an upheaval for the first few

straighten out. I hope it will be that way.' When she spoke to Ne'eman about his statement, she added, he replied that it was made "only on my first day on the job," which, she said, made her hope his opinion would change once he

gets to know the office better.

Arbel also said she can "certainly understand" Ne'eman's anger that her office, which has known about the alleged incident for four years, only decided toinvestigate it upon his appointment as minister. However, she said, it is standard practice when side issues arise in a major trial to ignore them until the relevant witness has testified, and it was pure chance that Brown testified the week Ne'eman was appoint-

On a different issue, Arbel said her office has still not decided whether to indict Margalit Har-Shefi, who was investigated on suspicion that she aided assassin Yigal Amir.

Arbel said one of her office's goals is to get stiffer penalties for sex offenders and spousal or parental abusers. About 40 percent of all appeals the state files relate to these crimes, she said, and most are accepted by the Supreme Court

Another goal, she said, is to reduce the time it takes to bring a case to trial, both by speeding up right now, because there are the process in local district attorneys' offices, and by having these offices keep track of cases and ask the courts to advance the hearings for cases that have waited a long time, or that are particularly sensitive.

A woman in limbo: Breaking up is hard to do

HEN filmmaker David Fisher set out to make a film about agunot women who are unable to obtain a religious divorce - the last thing he expected was to be drawn into a web of politics, terrorism and

international espionage.

But that's precisely what happened when he began his exploration of the story of Mazal Saiel in the documentary Buried Alive, a film which willpremiere at the Jerusalem Film Festival on July 8

In Fisher's film we follow the desperate but determined efforts of Mazal, a stolid dark-haired middle-aged woman from Ramle who works as a housekeeper, as she tries to legally obtain a divorce from her husband Danny, who disappeared 20 years ago. The rabbinical establishment refuses to grant her a divorce without any knowledge of his fate. And, as the film makes clear, that information is impossible to

obtain.
Thad gone to the rabbinical court and asked them for their toughest aguna case - the one who had been waiting the most time for a divorce. They sent me to Mazal," recounts Fisher, "At first it was hard to persuade her to

talk about the case. Once they did speak, it became clear that there was far more of a story to be told than Mazal's fight for a religious divorce. Fisher's film, which took three years to complete, became as much an attempt to unravel the mystery of the fate of Danny Saiel, as the story of his wife's struggle.

Danny Saiel, an Iraqi immigrant to Israel, was one of the activists in the "Black Panthers" organization, which in the 1970s fought through political, and sometimes violent means - for the rights of those Jews who immigrated here from Middle Eastern countries Saiel was one of the organization's most extreme members and

his activities included contacts with anti-Israeli countries and groups in order to cooperate to bring down what he regarded as the hostile Ashkenazi govern-

In 1975, Saiel was accused of selling weaponry to terrorists in the territories, arrested, and briefly held in jail. Shortly afterwards, he left the country. In 1975 and 1976, he summoned Mazal twice to Europe, to live with him in exile in Spain and in France - if he went back to Israel, he told her, he would go to prison.

A traditional obedient wife, she asked few questions. Mazal knew that Danny had spent time in Iraq, that in Europe he was receiving money from the Iraqi government - and that he was being trailed by the Israeli intelligence.

It is as much a mystery to her as to anyone else whether he was a hostile agent for the Iraqis, or a

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double agent. There is some evidence throughout this period that he may actually have been working for Israeli intelligence. If he hadn't had such connections, she asks, why was he allowed to leave the country in the first place? Or why didn't the Mossad kidnap him and bring him back to Israel?

Whatever the case, Danny told Mazal in 1976, that the only country in which he felt he could seek refuge was Iraq, and asked her to go with him there to start a new life. She refused to live in an Arab country, and left to rejoin her family in Israel. Danny stayed in Europe - his last known contact was with his brother in Germany - and then presumably headed for Iraq. He has not been heard from

In Fisher's film, we follow Mazal as she retraces the steps of the last months she spent with her husband in Europe, looking for

clues as she visits the house they shared as a young couple in Ramle, begs government officials for help, testifies at the Knesset, and repeatedly hits the stone wall of the rabbinate as they refuse to grant her a divorce.

We also glimpse into her daily life, living in a tiny house with her aging parents, working daily in the home of an affluent attorney in Rishon Lezion.

"For me, Mazal represents all of the little people, the simple people, who must fight the big fight against an establishment far more big and powerful than she," Fisher says.

Unlike many agunot, she does not blame her husband and says she will always love him. She believes in his innocence, that the charge of selling weapons was a frame-up designed to pressure

It is clear to her, as it became to

Fisher, that the information on Saiel's fate exists somewhere in Israel's defense establishment. But for reasons only they know, they will not reveal the information, leaving Mazai tied to a husband she will likely never see again.

"For 20 years, I have cleaned houses to survive, without children, without a home of my own, with no support," Mazal says emotionally in the film.

The have ruined my life and my husband's life. They have chased me and I will never forgive them. The worst thing I could wish on them would be these 20 years I have been an

"And if any of them has a conscience, they will stand up and tell the truth. If the Israeli defense establishment killed him, they should tell me. All I want is to sieep in peace.

What is touching about Mazal is that although the rabbinic establishment has let her down, her faith remains strong. Fisher follows her to the tombs of righteous in the north where she prays for help. And it is her strong religious beliefs that prevented her from finding a partner or bearing children while still legally married to Danny.

"Mazal told me that even if she is angry at the rabbis, her faith is the only thing that gets her through. She told me that if she didn't believe in God, she would kill herself," said Fisher.

The filmmaker said that over the course of the three years of filming, while they found no conclusive information, they uncovered plenty of rumors about Danny Saiel's fate, including testimony that a grave bearing his name exists in northern Iraq. How he died - whether at the hands of the Iraqis, by elements connected to Israel, or under other circumstances "will probably always remain a mystery." Fisher says.

Denzel: So noir and yet so far

ADINA HOFFMAN

DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS

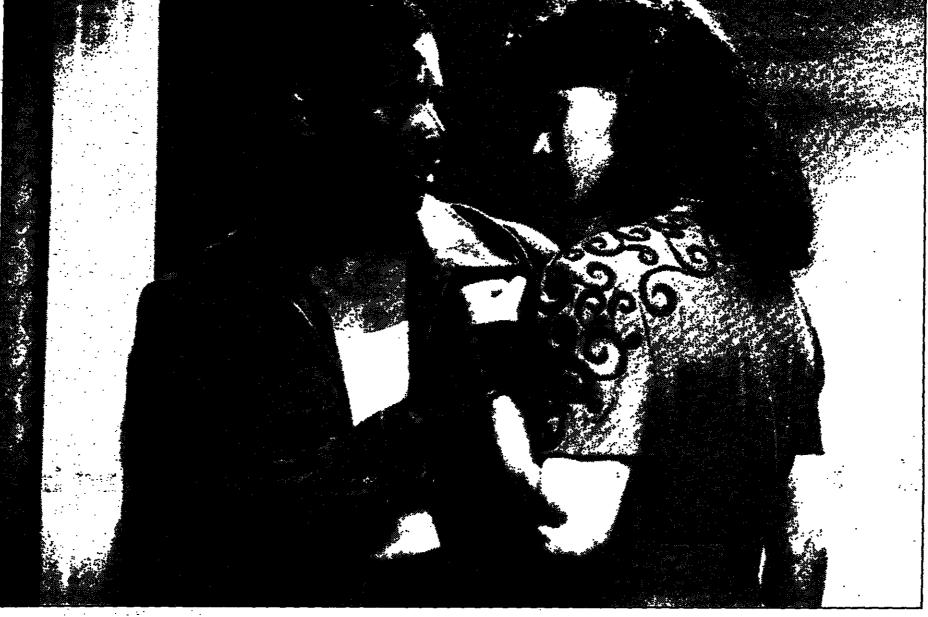
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Screenplay by Carl Franklin,
based on the book by Walter
Mosley. Hebrew title: Ha'isha Shelavsha Kahol. 101 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly recommended.

Easy Rawlins ... Denzel Washington Dewitt Albright ... Tom Sizemore Daphne Monet ... Jennifer Beals Don Cheadle

ased on a Walter Mosley Bystery novel from 1990, Devil in a Blue Dress is set in Los Angeles in 1948 and stars Denzel Washington as Easy Rawlins; a black World War II vet Raymond Chandleresque monologue at the start of the film that he has just been fired from his job. He's got house payments to make and needs money badly, but he's not panicking: true to his name, Easy's temperament lets him saunter his way into any number of life-and-death situations and barely break a sweat.

Which is not to say that he's eager to get himself in trouble. When he's approached by a pugfaced white man called Albright (Tom Sizemore) who gives as his job description "doing favors for friends," Easy looks more than wary. But he agrees to take the simple-sounding assignment the girlfriend of one of the candidates for mayor has vanished. According to Albright, she's hiding out in the black part of town, where Easy's supposed to find

Not surprisingly, the work soon sprouts thoms, as bodies start pil-. ing up and the woman herself. who goes by the appropriately impressionistic name of Daphne Monet (Jennifer Beals), calls Easy in the middle of the night and in a



Racial themes are quietly woven into an otherwise conventional detective story, as Denzel Washington is hired to find the vanished Jennifer Beals.

come hither voice invites him to pay her a visit in her whites-only hotel room. The deeper he sinks into the mess, the more helpless Easy is to extricate himself, although one of the sly jokes of the film is that the worse his situation gets, the more money he stands to gain. People on every side of the sordid affair keep slipping Easy bills to do their bidding. He knowingly obliges them

Along with the familiar pleasures the movie offers at the level of whodunit (and whatisit, actually, since the true nature of the crime doesn't become clear unul the very end), Mosley and screenwriter/director Carl Franklin have worked an inspired twist on the most standard of potboiler outlines. Film noir takes on a rich new set of meanings in the context of a black - literally a noir -

In this kind of movie, innocent men are always getting themselves mixed up in trouble they don't quite understand, and the same is true of Easy, although his predicament seems less existential than it is social: he's a black man who was doing pretty well for himself until he got tangled in the white folks' problems. And the world-weariness that's essential to a noir hero gets a face-lift in Devil too. All things considHis suspicions are part and parcel of his race. As a black man in a segregated society, he instinctively lowers the brim of his fedora when a squad car of white cops

Put in these simple terms, the movie might sound programmatic, but it's not. Franklin nimbly diffuses the racial themes throughout the film, refining them to a mist-like essence that pervades the action without slowing it down or rendering it didactic. If anything, what's so impressive about Devil is the way these undertones are used to heighten the suspense and propel the plot as we enter into Easy's frame of mind we genuinely don't know which characters to trust and which to doubt. Racial wariness only adds to the tension.

For most of the film, Denzel Washington's Easy oozes an intriguing mixture of intensity and nonchalance. Unlike seething or somber black actors such as Samuel L. Jackson, Laurence Fishburne and Morgan Freeman, Washington tends to work on a low wattage, projecting a square sort of respectability that makes him the ideal actor to represent black heroes (Malcolm X, Steve Biko) before general audiences. He's so clean-cut and straighttoothed it's hard to imagine him ever intentionally causing offense to whites, to say nothing of starting a revolution. The harmless demeanor he consciously cultivates is also what sometimes makes him seem bland, though as Easy, it works to his advantage.

That is, it works until the final frames when Franklin decides to turn Easy into a role model, and black 1940s Los Angeles into a paradise lost. After all the caustic fun and gritty realism the picture has provided, it's a let-down to hear Easy mouthing platitudes about friendship and to see how Tak Fujimoto's formerly jazzy photography takes on a corny,

ersatz-sepia glow.

Devil in a Blue Dress begins as a hard-boiled crime drama, but it ends sunny side up.

Kid stuff paid off for rising opera star

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THEN he was five, Johan Botha shared the stage with two of the greatest tenors of all time. Well, sort of.

In the small South African town of Rustenburg, the little boy competed note for note with the voices of Enrico Caruso and Beniamino Gigli that were emerging from his father's gramophone. Even when his father tried to hiss him, young Johan stood firm, singing aria after aria. "One day I'll sing like them and then you can't stop me," he said.

That day has definitely arrived. Today, at 31, Botha sings Verdi and Puccini in the world's major opera houses. Next week he will perform in Tel Aviv.

Botha credits his meteoric rise to one person, Austrian agent Michael Levin. "We have dates and offers already for the years 2003-4." But, he says, in a phone interview from Berlin, "it's quite a scary business because one doesn know if you are going to still be alive - if the world will still exist - but that's how the business runs."

Botha lives with his South African wife Sonja in Vienna. where the two are expecting their first child.

Opera is not in robust condition in his native country. "The economy is suffering because of the sanctions, and so they haven't had enough money to produce and carry on with opera. I have heard rumors that some of the theaters will have to close down."

He's eagerly awaiting his Israeli debut. "For me it's really special. I'm a Christian believer and for every Christian in South Africa it's like a pilgrimage."

Botha will sing three concerts with the Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion under Asher Fisch. On July 8 he stars in a gala concert singing the great tenor arias from the Italian repertoire. Then July 10 and 11 he joins the orchestraperforming arias from Fidelio and Der Freischütz. All concerts take place at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

Thai-German dancer feels right at home with Batsheva Company

ANCER Pim Boonprakob answers the phone with a confident "ken." It's, a telling introduction to someone who, according to her friends, is already part and parcel of this

country.

Pim - a classical That name which means making your dreams come true - was born in Germany to a Thai father, grew up between Bangkok and Germany, and has lived here for three years.

"It's hard with the Hebrew because in the company we speak English," she says. "But by now I understand more and I do feel at

home here. Actually I felt at home here the first time I came here five years ago, I felt really connected to the country and I knew I could

live here."

For the last three years Pim, as everyone calls her, has been a member of Ohad Naharin's Batsheva Dance Company.

The 27-year-old dancer asserts

that working with Naharin is always "a collaboration. Certain things are not set by him but are set together with us; he gives us a lot of freedom to be as individual with our own movements. We are definitely not limited as dancers.

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ered, Easy's a fairly upbeat guy.

"Ohad is very curious about things and is always open-mind-ed, so each time it's different to work-with him." Pim came to Batsheva after a

three-year spell with Canada's highly acrobatic La La Human Steps, one of the hottest dance companies in the world. "I had just finished working with a company in Holland and wanted to continue studying in New York, but a friend told me about the auditions so I tried out for La La. These were three very good years."

Yet she is reluctant to compare La La to Batsheva. "They are different companies and I don't like to compare anyway." That said, she adds that the "entire way of working with La La is more like a rock band touring all the time, and being a rock company it's very different. I missed dancing, I couldn't handle this power, I missed the sensuality of things."

When performing here with La La she visited a friend in the Batsheva Company. "I was attracted to Israel and to Batsheva. So I wrote to Ohad and we met in Holland and worked for a few days together but at the time there was no place in Baisheva. But then he tried to get me in and three years ago I joined them." Pim is now working on Naharin's newest opus, Yag, which will be premiered this Saturday at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv. She enjoys the new work tremendously. .

"lt's a small production with just six dancers and I like it. I miss the others to work with but in this way it's more concentrated on the dancers and the movement. Yet throughout it's obvious that it is

Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra gets ready to hit the road

HE Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra probably puts more miles on its bus than the average driver on his truck. Just for starters, it is to play the first of its '96/97 season concerts in Megiddo on September 26 and end nine days, five more concerts and several hundred kilometers later at Kibbutz Givat Brenner.

The concert is Mendelssohn's full A Midsummer Night's Dream, narrated by Nitza Shaul, and Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, both sung by the Academy Choir and soloists from Tuana with KCO music director Doron Salomon on

the podium.
Established in 1970 by conductor Avi Ostrovsky, the KCO will

wind up its 25th anniversary year with its founder on the podium conducting a program of Shostakovich, Mozart and Mendelssohn. A dab or three of adventure

enlivens what is basically a "let's give the customers what they want" program created after audience surveys last season. The crowd-pleasers include large dollops of Beethoven, Mozart, and Brahms, but they're often teamed with an unusual or contemporary

These include works like Hindemith's jolly We're Building a City, the first of the KCO's three series of concerts for young peo-

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Pandemonium for chansonnier (Salomon's wife, actress Nitza Shaul) and orchestra.

That program in January also includes Beatles go Handel and, to settle everybody's nerves in the middle, Tchaikovsky's D major Violin Concerto played by Gilad Hildesbeim. Then there are the less frequent-

ly performed works by famous composers such as Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio in December, all of Beethoven's Egmont music-(not just the overture), and Weber's Cello Concerto/Fantasy ple, or Frankenstein, by H.K. next lune, together with two pre-Gruber, which this comemporary mieres of Israeli music. These are

KCO resident composer Michael Wolpe's flute concerto (May) and composer describes as a For Old Times' Sake by 80-yearold composer Haya Arbel (October). Soloists include Korean harpist

Jung Kwak with flutist Ariel Zuckennann playing the Mozart K.299 Harp and Flute Concerto with Ostrovsky, Croatian homist Radovan Vlatkovic playing R. Strauss's E flat major Horn Concerto in the same February concert with oboist Hila Zabari-Peleg playing Vaughan Williams's Oboe Concerto.

After a successful pilot project last year, the KCO is launching a new series of four chamberensemble programs so that "even the most financially strapped kib-

butz can afford music," said KCO general manager Aharon Kidron. The quartets, quintets, sextets and octets are drawn from the orchestra's 37 musicians and will be augmented for the second season, by Germany's Villa Musica play-

The KCO plays some 120 con-certs yearly in kibbutzim, towns and villages all over the country, including 15 in Tel Aviv. Some NIS 3.2 million of its NIS 4.6m. budget comes equally from the kibbutz movement and the government. The rest is earned income and small grants. The 1,800 subscribers are expected to swell to 2,000 if the KCO creates its seventh concert venue as planned for Upper Galilee.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL July 2 at 8:30 p.m. Gogel's famous satire is transported to modern day Israel with a brilliant comic cast that bring to life the outrageous, colorful characters in this tale of government corruption. COMEDY OF ERRORS July 9 and 16 at 8:30 p.m. The smash hit production of Shakespeare's classic comedy set amidst a modern war-torn Middle Eastern city with dazzling stage effects that include drums, gunshots, torchights and even belly dancing. Directed by Mr. Omri Nitzan, Artistic Directed for the Cameri Theatre Translated into Hebrew by Mr. Dan Aknogor. [It] pays hemage to the vineyards of peace and its rewards..." Ha'aretz BOX OFFICE; 03-523 3335 • FAX: 03-5230172 • SUBSCRIPTIONS: 03-5245211 The Cameri Theatre can now be found on the Internet at the following address: http://www.cameri.virtual.co.if THE THEATRE OF TEL AVIV Located in the heart of Tel Aviv on lively Dizengoti Street, the Cameri is just a few minutes' walk from

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Urgent reminder

F anyone needed a reminder of the gravity of Israel's macroeconomic situation, it came Lyesterday in the form of a Central Bureau of Statistics report that the current-account deficit has increased by yet another 25 percent over the first quarter this year, to \$1.5 billion. This deficit - the difference between exported and imported goods and services - comes on top of an already spectacular \$4.1b. current-account deficit for 1995, a projected \$1.7b. budget deficit for the first half of this year, and a monthly trade deficit which now averages around \$1b.

Put simply, the country is spending more than it is earning and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's conclusion - that public spending must be trimmed - should be obvious to all. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was correct yesterday when he attacked the previous government's fiscal liberalism but he would do well to focus his efforts on the future, particularly on those of his ministers who intend to behave much like their predecessors.

Yesterday's much heralded cabinet discussion on the economy passed smoothly, but that was mainly because Finance Minister Dan Meridor refrained from detailing the budget cuts he intends to execute. In all likelihood, once they find out the extent to which their fiefdoms stand to be trimmed, the ministers will uphold this country's time-honored, politically profitable but economically destructive ritual of avoiding

the budget ax. This time, it must not happen - and not just because of the urgent need for budget cuts of some NIS 5b. The impending cabinet showdown over the budget may well emerge as a litmus test for the effectiveness of the new electoral system. If the directly-elected premier is unable to impose his fiscal will - and sheer economic logic - on his cabinet colleagues,

much of the rationale behind the controversial political reform will be dealt a severe blow.

An equally familiar and unjustified challenge awaits Netanyahu and Meridor from the Histadrut. The knee-jerk reflex with which union leaders have greeted the new government's privatization talk is reminiscent of the haste, tactlessness, and ignorance that produced last month's largely fruitless Cairo summit.

Employees of large companies like Bezeq, the Israel Electric Corporation or El Al should understand that they stand to be the biggest winners if their government-appointed, lethargic leaders are replaced by market-driven

Union leaders' vicious opposition to privatization is understandable, since it will ultimately end their careers as labor activists. Rank-andfile employees, however, should realize that the vast majority would survive the layoffs which their employers will be compelled to implement. Those who are fired will find a revitalized labor market, where reduced taxes and a revived stock exchange may create new opportunities, though these seem remote at present.

Moreover, privatization can be handled humanely, by both ensuring honorable compensation for redundant workers, and by offering all workers preferred shares in their company.

The new government is wisely trying to tackle the economy soon after assuming power. However, for it to be successful, the cabinet will have to couple its budgetary cuts with a detailed plan for the sale of state assets, including names of companies to be put on the block, sale methods and deadlines. This, coupled with fiscal discipline and ministerial humility, will not only lead us out of an imminent recession, but put an end to this economy's deep-seated, socialist tendencies.

Two to tango

TS President Clinton took a positive step Hamas and Islamic Jihad. at the G7 summit this weekend when he once again asked the Arab world to give Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government time, before taking steps that would make progress in the peace process more difficult. Unfortunately, Israel's neighbors seem determined not to listen - the recent Syrian comparison of Netanyahu to Hitler being a case in

The official statement issued by the G7 and Russia at the end of the Lyon conference, however, underscored the worries of the US and the Arab world about the new government's commitment to redeploying in Hebron. Both the US and the Arabs have focused on the Hebron redeployment as a test of Netanyahu's intentions with regard to the negotiations with

the Palestinians. But the idea that Israel is solely responsible for maintaining the negotiations' momentum is blatantly unfair. To date, Israel's two major violations of the Oslo accords - the failure to redeploy in Hebron and the delay in establishing two "safe passage" routes from Gaza to Judea and Samaria - have been due to legitimate security concerns. The decision taken by the Labor government to delay the Hebron redeployment was due to the wave of suicide bombings earlier this year and the prolonged failure of Yasser Arafat to crack down on

On the other hand, since the PA took control in Gaza and Jericho in May 1994, Palestinian violations of the Oslo accords have been systematic. The list includes the PA's extradite suspected terrorists to Israel; its staffing the Palestinian Police with more policemen than had been agreed upon; the failure to change the Palestinian Covenant; the failure to promote the peace process the school system; and the maintaining of official PA institutions in

True peace and security requires a commitment by all parties to respect agreements and honor them. Israelis voted for Netanyahu in part because they wanted to see Israel take a tougher stance both on Palestinian violations of the accords in general, and in the final agreement negotiations.

The maxim that "it takes two to tango" is more than applicable in the Israeli-Palestinian relationship. Netanyahu has made it clear in recent statements, and through last week's meeting between Arafat and top aide Dore Gold, that he will continue the process as long as both sides honor their obligations. A goodwill gesture by the PA - the extraditing of wanted terrorists, for example - would go a long way towards creating a positive atmosphere for the final-status negotiations that are to occupy both sides in the years to come.

What is different now

PRESIDENT Clinton placed a big bet on the Israeli elecation and lost. The administration did everything short of stuffing ballot boxes to ensure that Shimon Peres would be reelected. He wasn't. There will be time enough for recriminations, for heads to roll on the Clinton "peace team" for seriously misjudging the situation in Israel and so relentiessly promoting a peace process that had so badly failed the Israeli people.

But for now, with Prime Minister Netanyahu coming to Washington on July 9, the more urgent question is: What does the US do now? Should its policy toward Israel change in view of the election?

Warren Christopher hinted that it might when he averred that the administration "will have to adapt" US policy on Jewish settlements on the West Bank "to the current situation."

Christopher was, as usual, focusing on the tree and missing the forest. What American policy toward Israel needs is not a recalibration on West Bank settlements... (the population of which, by the way, increased by 25,000 under Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres) but a full reconceptualization.

The cornerstone of US policy over the last four years has been compensation: Israel gives up land - and with it material and military advantage - to the Arabs. and the US compensates Israel for the risk it undertakes. For example: If Israel gave up the Golan Heights to Syria, the US would send American peacekeepers there to shield Israel.

"If Israel is prepared to take risks for peace," declared President Clinton, "we are determined to do our best to reduce the risks and increase [its] securi-

The most dramatic illustration of this America-as-compensator policy occurred when Palestinian terrorists killed 55 Israelis earlier this year. Clinton rushed in to bol-

N February 12, 1995, a hand-ful of people stood across

A dozen Peace Bloc activists had

found time in the middle of a

working day to come and sound a

warning. They saw the writing on

the wall. They sensed that the fal-

tering momentum of the peace

process might well doom its archi-

The oft-voiced opinion is that the

left lost the election because it went

too fast along the road to peace. But

I was in Jerusalem the day the

Oslo agreement was signed in

Washington. While euphoria pre-

vailed in the eastern part of the city,

the atmosphere in west Jerusalem

was more restrained. Israelis were

surprised by the pact. The great

majority viewed it positively, but

And, indeed, it would have taken a

miracle to banish, with the stroke of

a pen, the psychological legacy of

100 years of strife - the fears, the

hate, the prejudices, the stereotypes,

the moral superiority, the scorn for

From the moment the Oslo

accords were signed, the fate of the

Labor party and its partners was

inextricably linked to the success of

the peace process. It was clear that

the next elections would serve as a

referendum on this. And to succeed.

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CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

ster Israel (and, of course, Peres) by staging a massive "summit of the peacemakers" photo-op for moral support, promising \$100m. in anti-terrorism funds, and, later, staging another signing ceremony promising Peres new ballisticmissile defenses.

these compensatory gestures altered nothing of the sense of

A new American peace policy must be built on reciprocity

fear and insecurity pervading Israeli society.

THERE IS no way the US can stop Palestinian terror bombings. Only the Palestinians can. And they haven't. That's why Peres' lost. The Israeli election declared this Israel gives, Arafai receives, America-compensates "peace process" an abject failure.

It's a failure not just because it can't work, but also because it sends a perverse message to the Arabs that nothing is expected of them: Israel will give and Uncle Sam will pick up the bill.

Pick up the pieces too. What kind of "peace" have the Palestinians given in return for Gaza, six of the seven major West Bank towns, Israeli recognition and the first free election in Palestinian history? More Israeli civilians have been murdered since the handshake on the White House lawn than in any comparable period in Israel's history.

In his rush to the nirvana of his "New Middle East" Peres was willing to put up with this nonreciprocity. Netanyahu isn't. That is what was so deeply misunderstood about the Israeli elec-tion. The key difference between Pères and Netanyahu wasn't about land-for-peace. It was about reciprocity. It was about whether the Palestinians really had to deliver the peace and security they promised in return for the real territory, real authority, real assets that Israel had already

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> they would no longer go along. Unless the Palestinians reciprocate their obligations - and their primary obligation is to stop killing Jews - the "peace process cannot continue. What does that mean for the

US? It means a way out of the false dilemma now being posed about harmonizing a Clinton peace policy and a Netanyahu peace policy. The obvious con-mon ground is the principle of reciprocity. It is the cornerstone of Netanyahu's peace policy. It should be the cornerstone of Clinton's.

What possible disagreement can there be with the proposition that, as Israel makes dangerous concessions for peace, it is not America but the Arabs - the beneficiaries of these concessions who must compensate Israel by providing the security, normalization and peace they have

promised? A new American peace policy must be built on reciprocity. America will no longer act as compensator. It will broker agreements, mediate them, bless them. But it doesn't pay the price. Each side has to do that. Or the process

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Cold shoulder

JAY BUSHINSKY

HE post-Soviet heyday of unabashed Zionist activity in Russia is over.

Ostensibly because of official red tape, the Jewish Agency, which has been promoting and facilitating aliya, cannot operate as before in the far-flung cities of President Yehtsin's Russian Federation.

Its permit to conduct educational, social and religious activities there expired two months ago, and is yet to be renewed.

Insiders here doubted renewal would be granted before the Russian presidential election's crucial second round this week and fear prospects are dim if Yeltsin loses. Pessimists suspect there will be no renewal even if Yeltsin wins.

The latest twist in this littlepublicized saga was the impression gained by a group of Israeli emissaries sent to Moscow that the permit would be reinstated as soon as the second round is over and the new Russian govemment established. But who really knows?

It's hard to believe that an organization whose work is vital to Israel's long-term survival and whose substantial budget is covered by US Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal, Keren Hayesod and other Diaspora funding could slip into limbo in almost-total media silence.

When Russian police raided an emigration seminar in Piatigorsk, the event was faxed to interested news media here. But Jerusalem's policy approach was: Play down the underlying problem - official hostility emanating from Moscow.

The problem can be traced to a new Russian law requiring all foreign institutions to register with the Russian government. There was immediate compliance by the Jewish Agency and a concomitant promise from Moscow's bureaucrats that the necessary authorization would be forthcoming within a month. Month's end coincided with the Russian presidential election, and the coveted authorization was left banging.

SOME analysts attribute the Russian cold shoulder to Foreign Minister Primakov's redirection of the Yeltsin govemment's diplomatic priorities away from Israel, toward Syria

It's hard to believe that the Jewish Agency in Russia could slip into limbo virtually unnoticed

and Iran. Others point to the ambivalent Russian attitude to Jewish emigration: widespread antisemitism on the one hand, on the other longstanding regret over the loss of highly-trained professionals and outstanding

artists. The fact that Primakov was snubbed by ex-prime minister Peres when he tried to secure a role for Russia in winding down Operation Grapes of Wrath. upstaged by US Secretary Christopher, did nothing to moderate the shrewd Russian's attitude to aliva.

In terms of Israel's needs, the possibility that the reservoir of potential Jewish immigrants from Russia may be stanched is devastating. It would eliminate the essential human input able to preserve this country's demographic status quo by offsetting the Arab population's consistently higher birth rate.

From the democratic standpoint alone, Russia should harbor no animosity toward lewish citizens who believe they might be better off elsewhere. Free countries allow free emigration and organizations that facilitate it.

The agency's operations in the US, Canada, Britain and France proceed without interference. If post-Soviet Russia purports to be democratic, why should its officialdom interfere with agency personnel or objectives? The UJA's and Keren Hayesod's supporters do not expect their main beneficiary, the Jewish Agency for Israel, to function in Russia without the Russian government's formal and explicit consent.

Having said that, there is ample moral and historical justification for the agency's presence in Russia. It might be a good idea to remind President Yeltsin, his newly-chosen political ally and erstwhile rival, Alexander Lebed, and their Communist opponent, Gennady Zyuganov, of this before it is too

The writer is with the Chicago-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HONORING AGREEMENTS If it is internationally accepted

Sir, - The new Turkish prime minister has, according to BBC Radio News on June 29, pledged his government's intention to honor international agreements entered into by his predecessor except where they run counter to the country's national interests. This, the BBC newsreader added, was aimed at the recently signed treaty with Israel, which has caused problems in the Arab world.

Media of June 14, criticizes the fam-

ous New York Times foreign affairs

columnist Thomas L. Friedman on

his article dated June 2, analyzing

the recent elections and titled

"...and one man voted twice," be-

cause he wrote: "The bad guys

won." Mr. Kramer failed to quote

the continuation of this paragraph.

the following: "The bad guys won.

No, I am not talking about those

Israelis who voted for Bibi Netan-

yahu. They are entitled to their

choice. I'm talking about the Jewish

and Moslem extremists, whose ac-

tions during he last nine months

transformed Israeli politics and

made Mr. Netanyahu's victory

So please, Mr. Kramer, when you

quote somebody, for us the "retard-

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What Mr. Friedman wrote was

Middlesex, England. FULL QUOTE

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DR. DAVID LEDERMAN first published in The New York Post and reproduced by you in Eye on the

that Mr. Erbakan may abrogate such

agreements, as he regards them to be

against Turkish national interest,

why is everybody pressuring Isra-el's prime minister to honor agree-

ments like the withdrawal from He-

bron and other parts of the Oslo

accords which must be seen as high-

ly damaging to Israel's national interest? R. WILLERS

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UNBECOMING **STATEMENTS**

Sir, - Mr. Amir Peretz has made some statements lately that are not surprising but are nonetheless unbecoming.
When asked why the Histadrut

will take an aggressive line against the privatization plans of the new government while they let the Labor government off with token actions, Mr. Peretz told the interviewer that the Labor plans were mostly talk to keep up with fashion, while the Liknd really means it. Is that what he thinks of his own party? In public?

Mr. Peretz has also taken Mr. Avigdor Lieberman to task for forgetting that he is now merely a pub-lic servant, no longer a politician's aide. Has he never heard of Shimon

ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ Elazar, Gush Etzion.

SHARON'S DEMANDS Sir, - Ariel Sharon welded together Herut, the Liberals, the Free Center and the State List into the Likud in September 1973. The concessions he extracted from all of them led one of his colleagues to

declare "He raped four parties." Given the long list of powers he requests be added to the new Ministry of National Infrastructure, is Sharon now seeking to plunder as Palestinians), had to be electrified it, many ministries?

ANDREW M. ROSEMARIE the door to a flourishing and secure Jerusalem.

URI AVNERY

from the Prime Minister's Office and raised a large sign saying: "Rabin and Co. - you're bury-But Yinzhak Rabin and his party ing the peace. You're going to lose acted as though they didn't give a fig for what Israelis thought and felt. On the eve of the signing in Not one paper reported the Washington, Labor party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli arranged a demonstration; not one TV station covered it. But its message was

And the peace camp

The left erred in racing too fast along the road to peace? No, just the opposite

meeting of all the peace organiza-tions in Israel. The whole spectrum attended: Labor members, youth movements, Peace Now, and smaller secular and religious peace groups. There was a sense of great excitement. It was decided to hold a giant joint rally, which proved an impressive success.

Not long afterwards Zvilli held another meeting in which he quietly disbanded the newborn "peace staff" - apparently on Rabin's orders.

From then on until Rabin's assassination nothing was done to win over the hearts and minds of the

THE PEACE camp simply went to sleep. Every now and then, as in the wake of the Hebron massacre, they woke up briefly. Here and there, minor activities took place. But the street remained in the hands of the

The prevailing attitude in the peace camp was: "We can rely on Rabin. He'll do the work. We mustn't disturb him." A very comfortable approach - and, as it

turned out, ripe for disaster. Rabin and Peres failed to comprehend that it isn't leaders or diplomats, and certainly not General Security Service heads, who make peace - it is the people.

We saw a historic opportunity lost. The momentum for peace dissipated in a thicket of petty conflicts with the Palestinians. The government exuded lack of confidence in its chosen direction. Instead of strengthening its negotiating partner, it humiliated it at every step. Palestinian prisoners were freed only gradually, and for a price. Settlement activity wasn't truly stopped. Israeli soldiers continued humiliating Palestinians at roadblocks

The economic situation in the territories deteriorated, in no small measure because of Israel. Palestinian euphoria, which had held terrorism at bay for several months, evaporated, and Hamas regained its strength. New attacks shattered any hope for peace that remained. Extremists took to the street, calling Rabin a murderer and a traitor, without significant protest from the left.

It's been said that the attacks decided the elections. But how could several attacks, horrible as each one was, persuade the masses that the revolutionary peace process was a failure? It could only be that they never believed in the process to begin with. The old Israeli war mentality never metamorphosed into a peace mentality. It just went underground for a while.

Labor, Meretz and their partners were punished for three sins: Arrogance toward the Israeli public, close-mindedness toward the Palestinians, and cowardice toward

The writer heads the Peace Bloc.



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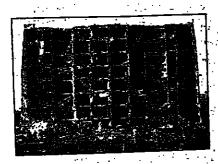
Desert Storms

For Danger In the Mideast, Just Look Around

By JOHN KIFNER

UST when Americans might have thought the Middle East was safe — at least for oil and Israel, the usual concerns there was a sharp, ugly reminder last week of just how unstable the region really is: a huge truck bomb that took 19 American lives. Ironically enough, the explosion was in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, which six years ago was the main base for the American-led gulf war that undid-Irag's invasion of Kuwait.

At the time, the war seemed part



The site where 19 Americans died.

of a chain of events that would change the Middle East forever. The vital oil fields of Kniwait and Saudi Arabia, if not democracy, had been saved. And, in the way events in one part of the Middle East reverberate in another, the Palestine Liberation Organization, having thrown in with Iraq, wound up so weakened that it had to make peace with Israel, heralding a new era. ...

An Arab summit meeting was food fight in which the fraqi delegate in Sandi Arabia itself, outwardly oil tion huried lunch at the spoilesso and price and seemingly stable. Uplike white robes of the kliwaits). It was persian Countries and a myth maintained by ritual gather. with the illusions and diversions only crippling chances for change.

As last week began, Arab leaders. gathered again in Cairo to resurrect the myth of Arab solidarity. In doing so, they papered over their sometimes lethal-differences, as well as the threats many of the governments face from their own people. But it is those differences that continue to make the region so danger-

ous and unpredictable. For centuries, religion has in-

spired the most violent actions in the Middle East. A Cook's tour from Iran to Algeria, from Turkey to Sudan, would show that militant Islam is the common thread (there is an echo in Israel, with the growing power of its nationalist Orthodoxy).

To pure belief add more mundane factors: poverty, frustration and a demographic time bomb. Throughout much of the region there is a dangerous population bulge of the young, the restless and the volatile. In Saudi Arabia, 58 percent of the population is under 24; in Egypt 57 percent, in Jordan 65 percent.

Afghan Legacy

Iran is frequently pointed to as the principal sponsor of terrorism, but a more important threat may be the presence of veterans of the Afghan war - the ex-mujaheddin, or holy warriors, who were backed by the Central Intelligence Agency in one of the last struggles of the cold war. Sandi Arabia helped pay for that war and sent hundreds of fiery-eyed zealots from its puritanical Wahabi sect who, along with other Islamic volunteers, fought with the Afghans and now want to continue their struggle elsewhere. The men who bombed the World Trade Center in New York came from these ranks, as did four Saudis who set off a car bomb that killed five Americans in Riyadh last November. It is called "blowback" in the intelligence community. The four were beheaded last month, and the latest bombing is believed to have been in retribution, aimed not only at the "infidel" Americans but also at the Saudi royal family.

deeply religious country, royal family is deeply entwined with the ulema, the religious leadership. Islamic law is strictly enforced. Indeed, King Fahd's very legitimacy rests on his role as the Sherif of Mecca, protector of Islam's holiest place. The dynasty's founder, Ibn Saud, seized this role with his desert warriors - the Ikhwan, or brotherhood, of fundamentalist Bedouin

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Kremlin Watching After it votes, can Russia carry off a succession? By Alessandra



Twilight Zone As the sun sets on British Hong Kong.

Photographs by Jeffrey Aaronson



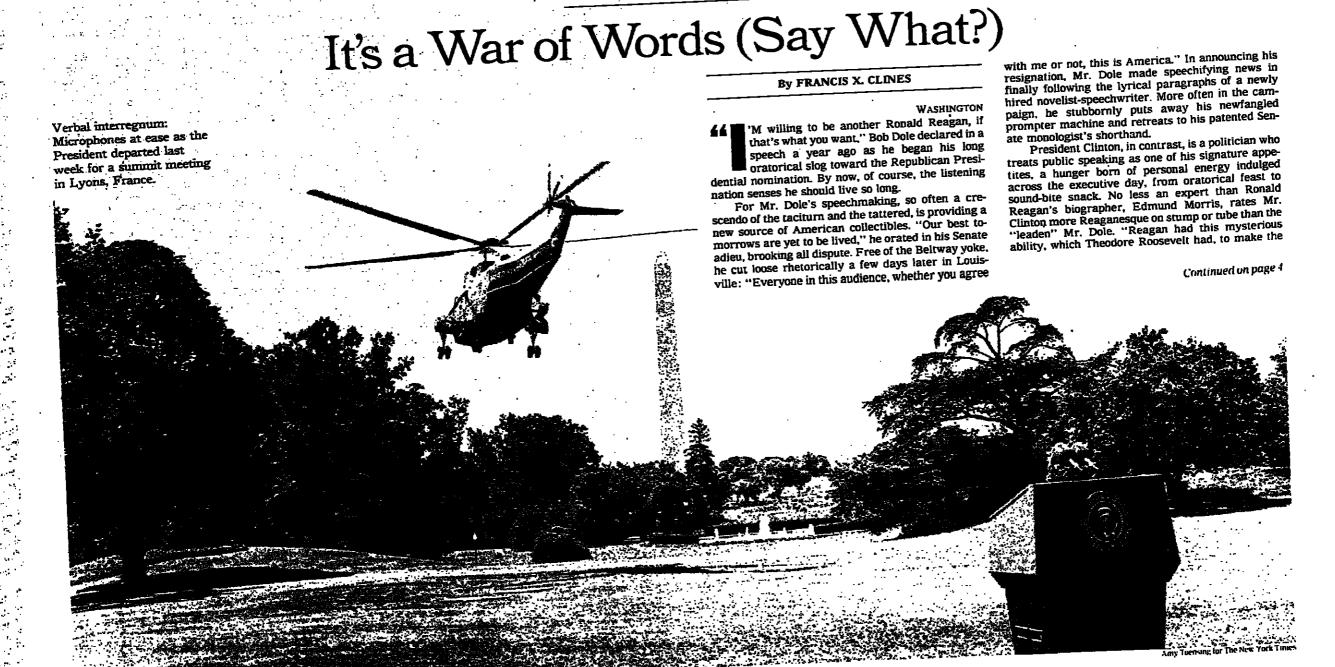
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By Alan Cowell

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WEEKLY REVIEW

In Hong Kong, Last Looks at the Empire

T is giving up colonialism with some trepidation, but Hong Kong will say goodbye to the British a year from today. On July 1, 1997, it will come under China's jurisdiction. Under Beijing's instructions, the islanders must not only shed their Governor and legislature, but also some of their lesser British vestiges.

These are expected to include references to things royal; already, the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club have changed their names. But what of visual references? No one is sure when the statue of Qucen Victoria will be carried out of Victoria Park, or whether the Communists will tolerate Hong Kong's few touristy rickshaws, which conjure class distinctions. The raunchiness in the Wanchai district will likely fade under Chinese antinormography edicts, but no one can be sure if the sun will set on the Club Hot Lips.

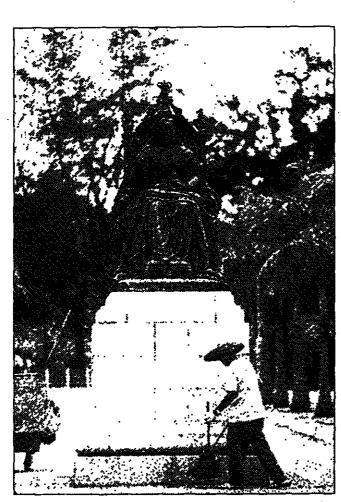
The transition is well under way, but some images of colonialism remain. Hong Kongers have 365 more days to behold them.



A guard at the Pillar Point camp for Vietnamese refugees, which is to close.



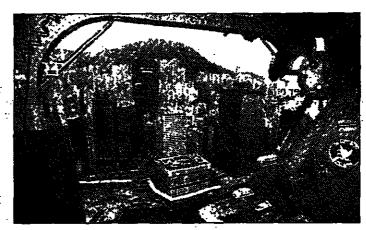
Rickshaws, taboo in China under Communism, have an uncertain future in Hong Kong after the 1997 takeover. This driver works out of the Star Ferry terminal.



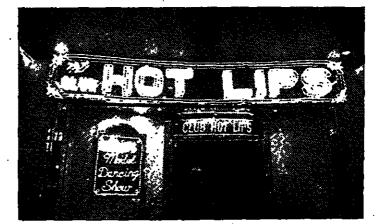
A statue of Queen Victoria, vestige of the Commonwealth that it is, will likely be removed from Victoria Park.



Gov. Christopher Patten, with Queen Elizabeth II over his shoulder, in the Governor's mansion.



Over Hong Kong's harbor, James Toms of the Royal Air Force. The British patrols will end next June 30.



Western-style lewdness, the kind advertised at this strip-tease club in the Wanchai district, will confront Chinese standards.

Russian Fears

After the Voting, Who Transfers Power?

By ALESSANDRA STANLEY

N the bad old days of Soviet rule, the mechanics of transferring power from one leader to another were relatively clear. When the leader died - or, like Krushchev, was deposed - the Politboro would select his successor. No public swearing-ins or white-tie balls. The closest thing to a festive ceremony was a dead leader's funeral procession to Lenin's Mausoleum.

If Boris N. Yeltsin wins his bid for re-election in the runoff voting on Wednesday, questions about succession may arise only if he dies or is incapacitated early on in his second term. But what happens if the Communist leader, Gennadi A. Zyuganov, is elected in an upset?

"I don't even want to think about it," Mikhail Krasnov, Mr. Yeltsin's chief Kremlin counsel, said with a shudder.

There simply are very (ew rules on succession, and reactions to this gap offer a glimpse at the uncertainty
— in Russian minds, if not in fact — about just how committed each side is to government by the people.

The Communist leadership has been thinking obsessively about the transfer of power for the last six months. Arguing, with some cause, that the 1993 Russian Constitution is woefully inexplicit on the subject, Mr. Zyuganov's colleagues in the Duma, or parliament, drafted a 28-article law setting out new rules to insure a smooth transfer of the keys to the Kremlin.

Last week, Mr. Yeltsin refused to sign it.

The main sticking point is the seemingly antiseptic Article No.9, which states that if the Kremlin is not available for the swearing-in ceremony, the presidentelect can take the oath of office elsewhere.

That sliver of protocol cuts deep into the darkest fears of both sides, dredging up all the bad memories, mutual suspicion and paranoia that fuel Russia's first presidential election since the Soviet empire collapsed. With little in the last 1,000 years of history to allay anxieties, each side believes the other will not abide by the election results. Even though both sides calmly accepted the results of the first round of voting, which narrowed the field to Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Zyuganov, they still accuse each other of seeking pretexts to bulldoze over the returns and seize power illegally.

1917 All Over Again?

Communists say they included the swearing-in provision because they fear that if the voting does not go as Mr. Yeltsin plans, he could hole up in the Kremlin and refuse to surrender the code to the nuclear button.

Mr. Yeltsin's team says this is a sneaky attempt to lay the groundwork for Mr. Zyuganov to denounce the results as fraudulent and declare himself president in a Red Belt area outside Moscow, like Tambov, a Communist-run town that has already raised the red flag over the main city government office and gave it back its old Communist name, the city soviet, or council.

"We can't help treating the law as a lever to establish diarchy," said Mr. Krasnov. "Every possibility to avoid diarchy has to be used."

By calling it "diarchy" Mr. Krasnov was using a relatively mild term to describe his boss's worst nightmare: a 1996 replay of the "Dvoyevlastiye" (dual rule), the period in 1917 when a provisional government led by

The laws don't spell out a ceremony, and an effort to do so has Yeltsin crying foul.

Aleksandr Kerensky ruled in the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg while the Bolesheviks, headquartered in that city's Smolny Institute, declared themselves the rulers of thousands of soviets around the land. In October, the Bolsheviks resolved the impasse with a coup that gave

Mr. Zyuganov says he is offended at the very suggestion and insists that the law was really drafted to insure Mr. Yeltsin a happy and safe retirement. "We are only interested in the strict observance of the law," he said recently. "We want to put an end to spitting in the back of

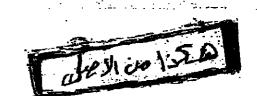
every outgoing personality." Still, even in their most far-reaching fantasies, few in Russia can quite envision a scene in which Mr. Yeltsin loses and moving vans drive through Spassky gate, the President hits the golf course, and thousands of aides pile their papers into cardboard boxes and start seeking jobs in the private sector. One reason is that Mr. Yeltsin has never said he would go quietly.

In any event, there is a very good chance the law will never see the light of day in time to be of any use to Mr. Zyuganov. If Mr. Yeltsin loses, his successor takes over 30 days after the results have been certified. And when the Duma convenes again on Friday, two days after the voting, Mr. Yeltsin's aides will send the bill back to the parliament with suggested fixes to Article 9.

Details, Details

To supplement the 30-day provision in election law, the only guidance on succession provided by the Constitution is Article 82, which specifies the wording of the swearing-in oath, and states that the ceremony take place "in a solemn atmosphere in the presence of members of the federation council, deputies of the state Duma, and judges of the Constitutional Court."

The process of passing a new bill to amplify on those instructions is a race against time and procedure, and Mr. Yeltsin can also veto it. So the bill's authors seem resigned to never seeing their handiwork come to life. "For me, it doesn't matter," Oleg G. Romyantsev said sourly "Yeltsin's going to be re-elected." Mr. Romyantsev is a consultant to the parliamentary committee on legislation and legal reform. "The President will do what he wants," he said. "For me this whole process has been an 'haute couture' exercise. It's purely an art form."



The World

Kohl's Ride Astride History Gets Rough

By ALAN COWELL:

WO snapshots from the Helmut Kohl photo:

One from last week shows the Chancellor at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate, symbol of so much European pain and regeneration, where the visiting Pope John Paul II is lauding him as "the architect of the newly gained unity of your people" - just the kind of epitaph a politician seeking history's benediction might

But a scene days before provides not quite the same grist for posterity. Before 300,000 German labor unionists in Bonn, Dieter Schulte, Germany's top labor boss, rails at the sweeping new spending cuts that Mr. Kohl calls the essential price of European integration and security, "I ask Helmut Kohl," he says, "do you want to go down in history as the Chancellor of the unification of Germany and of Europe or as Chancellor of the highest unemployment in German history?"

The two moments illustrate the extremes of acclaim and denunciation now marking the tenure of the industrialized world's most durable leader.

At 66, Mr. Kohl is the first Chancellor since Prince Otto von Bismarck to oversee Germany's unification. In world forums like the summit meeting of the Group of Seven powers in Lyons, France, this weekend, he is the ultimate veteran, his stay in office overlapping three American presidencies, equaling François Mitterrand's 14 years and outlasting the 11 years of Margaret Thatcher's dominance in Britain.

By the end of this year, barring the unexpected, Mr. Kohl will rank as Germany's longest-serving postwar Chancellor, surpassing Konrad Adenauer's marathon tenure from 1949 to 1963. And if his ambitions translate into reality, he will be the first German leader ever to stitch his land so firmly into Europe's fabric that it will never be able to repeat the belligerence that has scarred

Herr Consensus?

But there's the rub. Midway through his fourth term in office, Mr. Kohl's ambitions are being undermined not only by other Europeans fearful of German economic and political dominance, but also the pocketbook opposition of his own people. That tension leaves the latter days of Mr.

Kohl's chancellership fraught with risk.

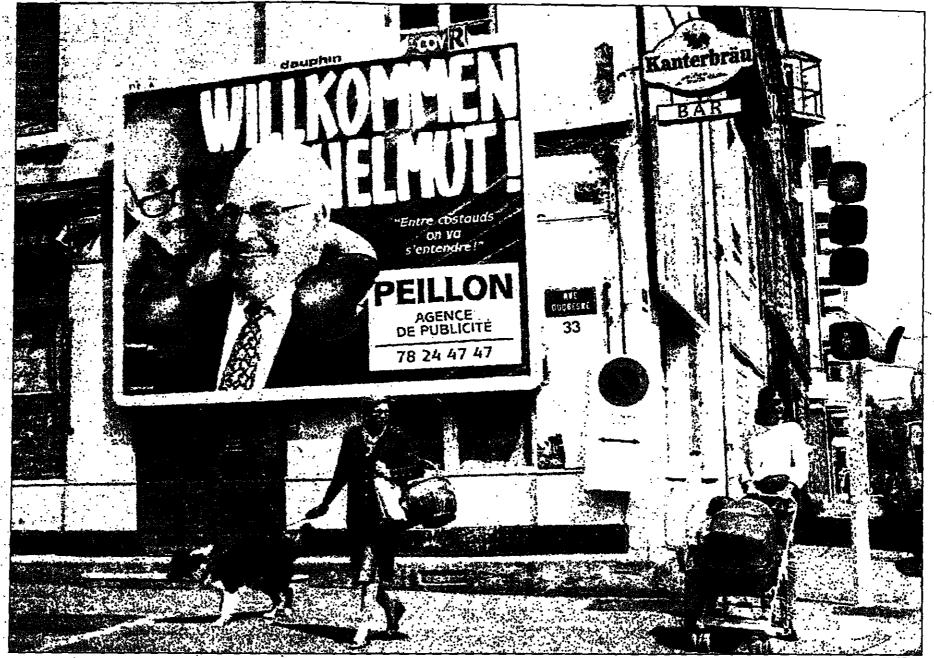
Prodded by strict European roles meant to insure that a united continent stands on secure economic foundations, Mr. Kohl has begun dismantling Germany's welfare state, and in the process imperiled the cozy consensus that has defined not just postwar Germany but also Mr. Kohl's entire political style.

On his watch, much of Germany's postwar history and assumptions have caught up with it: Germany's vaunted welfare state is becoming ever more burdensome; unification in 1996, far from the tax-free tryst that Mr. Kohi first suggested, has turned into a long, slow trudge that has cost resented taxpayers \$500 billion.

All of this threatens to turn Mr. Kohl the lauded visionary into Mr. Köbberger piler of debts—the man who must persuade his some at the solution was for less if the land is to confront resort the land is to confront resort the distribution of a united

Forty years ago, the challenge might have been the 35-hour week and copious benefits of a leisured, aging society shielded from pain by Germany's hallmark social compact between labor, business and government. In 1990, unification was a popular idea. Six years on, paying

So is Mr. Kohl up to the job of creating a newer, leaner Germany without shattering the consensus? The



A billboard in Lyons, France, last week welcomed Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany to the summit meeting there. Germans seem less thrilled by him lately.

answer hinges on style as much as substance.

No hands-on economist, Mr. Kohl is probably most comfortable playing the statesman and arbiter on the big issues - what Germans call "Chefsachen," matters for the boss - deviously leaving others, notably Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, to sweep up after messier affairs. like Germany's current calamitous slide into hostile relations with China.

Europe is one such big issue, and integration, Mr. Kohl misists in unitable evocation of an earlier time that matter of war or peace in the 21st century implicit recognition of Europe's tribal dynamics in which Germany has always been an object of justified. fear among its neighbors.

A Provincial Visionary

Mr. Kohl is a politician who won out partly because his electoral opponents are so feeble and partly because he has such instinctive guile, drawing strength almost casually from the bluff, what-you-see-is-what-you-get manner that plays so well to his conservative compatriots' aversion to the unknown.

His suits are predictably dark. His humor is predictably clunky. ("At political meetings," he told an audience recently, "the speeches should be short and the sausages should be long.") His manner is predictably dour until he breaks into his predictable beam. And the people who reelect him do so because they know exactly where German unpredictability has led in the past.

These days, though, Mr. Kohl is asking his followers take a leap into the unknown, embracing the sacrifices. of a post-industrial society driven by global market

Politically, he is safe enough. National elections are two years away. Important state elections earlier this

Yet instinctively Chancellor Kohl is not one to thrive on drama and public confrontation in the operatic manner of, say, his Italian counterparts. He is a provincial politician who transcended his beginnings without forgetting them, a man who tends his party machine assiduously, favoring back rooms and strategic telephone calls to bully and outsmart his adversaries.

Sweeping gestures, such as his towering command of German reunification, are all the more striking because of their rarity. And there are vulnerabilities. Mr. Kohl's coalition with the Christian Social Union and the Free Democrats has only a 10-seat majority in the lower house while, for all their problems, the Social Democrats control the veto-wielding upper house.

The Dogs Are Barking

So there is a further quandary: Mr. Kohl's instinct habitually counsels caution, but deadlines like the creation of a common European currency by 1999, not to mention Germany's own economic slide, demand faster the Brandenburg Gate.

The Chancellor still maintains that the minutiae of the daily political tussle with his opponents will not blur the grand vision — the dogs bark, he says, but the caravan moves on. This time, the weekly Die Woche replied, "the proverbial caravan cannot and will not move on as if nothing has happened."

An Unsettling Cook's Tour

For Danger in the Mideast, Just Look Around



The Arab summit meeting in Cairo last week was called to show Arab unity. Yasir Arafat, center, is shown at the closing session.

ALGERIA NIGER SUDAN

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from the Hashemite family in 1924, charging that they had failed to protect pilgrims and enjoyed a corrupt monopoly on the sale of dried lizards, which are used as a tonic.

But, particularly since American troops arrived to defend the kingdom five years ago and were allowed to stay on, the Government's policy of juggling friendship with the West and fundamentalism at home has come under growing attack. Senior religious scholars have posed a series of open challenges, amid widespread accusations of corruption and, worse, decadence. The criticism has grown as the oil boom that supported a safety net of free education, easy jobs and cheap housing collapsed and the country had to absorb \$120 billion in war costs. The Government itself is in disarray since King Fand suffered a stroke in No-

vember, with power now apparently centered in Crown Prince Abdullah.

America's other main supporter in the Arab world is Egypt's President, Hosni Mubarak. Under him, Egypt remains perpetually in ruins and a breeding ground for fundamentalism. Its attempts to industrialize are a shambles, its Government bureaucracy legendary for sloth and inefficiency. its schools spew out the poorly educated into a nonexistent job market and its tiny strip of farmland along the Nile is being gobbled up into jerry-built urban slums that sometimes collapse into the sewage on which they are built. Its Islamic fundamentalists periodically shoot up tourists, the police, Coptic Christians or Government officials and are

shot up in return. Next door to Saudi Arabia, Jordan has joined Egypt as a leading backer - and hopeful beneficiary - of the peace with

Religious zeal, poverty and frustration are common threads.

Israel. Six years ago; Saddam Hussein was on posters all over Amman and King Hussein had taken to calling himself the Sherif, the title his family lost to the Saudis (in the Middle East alliances can shift like the proverbial sands). But the King's embrace of Israeli officials and his grief at the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister, have cost him badly at home. "We are very unhappy with the King," a money changer volunteered to a

foreign reporter recently, in an open display that would have been unthinkable in the tightly controlled kingdom of a few years ago. There has even been rioting among the Bedouin, traditionally the King's base of support in a population that is largely Palestinian. Government officials worry, too, about a growing social disparity, with a tiny rich elite living in enormous new mansions surrounded by increasing poverty. The King has accused Syria of smuggling in terrorists to cause trouble, and last week. Palestinian guerrillas, apparently coming from Syria, sneaked over the Jordan River and killed three Israeli soldiers.

In Israel, the peace process with the Palestinians has been on hold since the election of Benjamin Netanyahu as Prime Minister Settlers and the religious right are elated and plan new settlements. Palestinians are frustrated at being kept from jobs in Israel and resentful of the highhanded leaders who with the peace have returned from their headquarters in Tunis.

Keep traveling and it doesn't get much better. Syria and Iraq remain gangster states, each ruthlessly ruled by a small clique from a religious minority — Alawites in Damascus, Sunnis from the village of Tikrit in Baghdad. In Algeria the military dictatorship that replaced failed socialism is battling Islamic revolutionaries who murder foreigners and liberals. Turkey, where Kemal Ataturk introduced secularism after World War I, is getting an Islamic fundamentalist Prime Minister (though in coalition with secularists). By the way, Turkey is also suppressing a Kurdish insurgency in its southeast. The Kurds have been hiding and training in Syria, and the Turks got so fed up, intelligence officials say, that they recently set off a big bomb in Damascus - one more reason to be wary of rosy forecasts for the Middle East.

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WEEKLY REVIEW

Make Crime Pay: Get the Goods

By DON VAN NATTA Jr.

HE spoils of the war on crime come in all shapes and sizes. They are as big as Pablo Escobar's 407-acre ranch in White Fish, Mont., which the Government seized in 1990 and sold to the highest bidder Friday. And they are as small as a (computer) mouse, which Federal prosecutors took from a housewife who had run a

telemarketing scam from her kitchen tabletop. The Government has also seized paintings of Saddam Hussein, jars of Dead Sea mud, coffins and gravestones, porpoises and exotic birds, even the mansion where Axel Foley stayed in "Beverly Hills Cop II."

Whotever its notoriety, the value of the stuff adds up. Since 1990, Federal agencies have seized \$2.7 billion worth of cash, stocks, homes, cars, houts and airplanes from drug kingpins, money launderers and white-collar criminals. Yet this year, the forfeitures have slowed to a trickle - just \$325 million is projected in 1996,

\$215 million below 1994's total. The reason is simple: courts around the country have croded the asset forfeiture laws. Two Federal appeals courts concluded that seizing property in civil proceedings and carrying out a criminal prosecution at the same time violates the constitutional bar against multiple punishments for the same crime.

'Monpunitive Goals'

Last week, however, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the practice does not amount to double jeopardy. Civil forfeiture is simply not a form of punishment, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist concluded in the majority opinion. Acknowledging that forfeiture has "certain punitive aspects," the Chief Justice said it also served "important nonpunitive goals," like discouraging property owners from allowing their land to be used for criminal purposes.

"The ruling was enormously important," said Stefan D. Cassella, deputy chief of the Justice Department's asset forfeiture and money laundering section. "Until this decision, we were hamstrung. We were forced to choose between the forfeiture or the prosecution. If we could only do one, we would obviously do the prosecution."

The Court's decision flabbergasted defense lawyers, who had lauded its recent decisions that chipped away at asset forfeiture and rebuked prosecutors for leveling "excessive lines," which are prohibited by the Eighth Amendment. Richard J. Troberman, a Seattle lawyer who is a

The Court gives its blessing to asset forfeiture laws.

leading opponent of asset forfeiture, called the decision "the most disappointing from this Court in a very long time."

In one of two cases that led to the Court's decision, a Michigan man forfeited his house because he had processed marijuana there. The lone dissenter, Justice John Paul Stevens, said the forfeiture was clearly punitive because "there is no evidence that the house had been purchased with the proceeds of unlawful activity, and the_ house itself was surely not contraband."

Some form of asset forfeiture has been around since Biblical times. In the 18th century, America seized pirate ships to take away the plundering gangs' ability to plunder. Arlington National Cemetery sits on what was once an estate owned by Robert E. Lee, who forfeited it to the Govern-

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Defense lawyers accuse prosecutors of going on "treasure hunts," saying there is a fundamental conflict when the Government prosecutes crime and benefits from its proceeds. (Those proceeds pay administrative costs and restitution to victims, and the remainder is split with local law enforcement agencies.) It is also easier than winning criminal convictions, they argue, which require a higher standard of proof. Prosecutors counter that the defense bar is zealous in its opposition because the assets seized would otherwise end up in lawyers' pockets as legal fees.

To make its point about Government overreaching, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers has collected examples. One is the case of an elderly couple in North Miami Beach, Fla., arrested for holding a poker game with friends and family. The Government, the defense lawyers note, seized the couple's home. The defense lawyers' tale ends there, but then

the prosecution's story starts. "This was not some dime-ante poker game for fun," snapped Ellen Zimiles, an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York. "It turns out the guy was running a longtime gambling operation. The house was a gambling den. These were not sympathetic characters. He was referred to as 'the Count.' "

The Rolex, Please

Prosecutors have their own stories. In one, a judge in Alaska tossed out a multi-kilo cocainetrafficking indictment because the Government had seized the defendant's Rolex watch, which he had presumably used drug profits to buy. Double jeopardy, the judge said. The Government lost a shot at an important conviction, prosecutors argue incredulously, and the Rolex was a consolation prize. Some prosecutors omit the kicker, however: the ruling was overturned on appeal. So the Rolex, it turns out, was a bonus.

A War of Words (Say What?)

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most banal scripts somehow seem magical," notes Mr. Morris. "I simply cannot explain the mystery behind that."

Dole partisans argue their man's unvarnished sentences and drifting whatevers are the stuff that made Dwight D. Eisenhower irresistible to the voters: a kind of syntactical carapace within which Mr. Dole will lumber toward a tortoise versus hare victory over Mr. Clinton. Mr. Dole provides such a contrast to the talkatively gifted President that Republicans insist their man will finally prevail as "the un-Clinton." the reassuring politician of oak-solid yeps and nopes. They are hoping for a voters' verdict first prescribed by Cicero: "I prefer tongue-tied knowledge to ignorant loquacity."

Not Yet High Noon

This is the choice imagined by Tony Dolan, who served as President Reagan's chief speechwriter. He contends, even putting scandals aside, that Mr. Clinton is slowly amassing public doubt, not confidence, as he puts so many rhetorical bets down on so many different ideas each day. "Remember Gary Cooper?" Mr. Dolan asks, citing the monosyllabic movie actor as a tight-lipped spellbinder, a role model for Mr. Dole. The film star "would testify at those hearings and he'd say, 'Well, from what I hear about Communism ... I don't like it \dots because \dots it isn't \dots on the level." Mr. Dolan recites the line as clipped and confident as Mr. Dole made himself sound in predicting how he'd contain the Republicans' endless fighting over abortion: 'Piece of cake.'

Between the Reagan and Eisenhower models, the lesson is clear that a good speech, if it can't be electrifying, must at least not be stultifying and, above all, must be revealing of the speaker's human identity. "People say, 'You're going to make me sound like Reagan?'" notes Mr. Dolan, now a speech consultant. "And I say, 'I'll do better than that. I'll make you sound like you."

Dole partisans are betting this is a matter of small, steady revelation, not the clarion declamation envi-sioned by Walt Whitman. ("To make" the people rage, weep, hate, desire, with yourself./To lead America - to queil America with a great tongue.") In running against the odds in 1948, President Harry Truman finally managed to get his tart wit across to appreciative voters. ("If you want a friend in Washington, buy a dog.") But his opponent, Thomas E. Dewey, sitting on his poll leads, never flashed much individuality. At least not until after the upset, when he eschewed the good loser's posture and likened himself to a man suddenly finding himself inside a coffin with a lily in his hand. ("If I'm alive, what am I doing here? And if I'm dead, why do I have to go to the bathroom?")

Mr. Dole has more than four months to accustom voters to his stream-of-consciousness salvos on the stump in which he virtually brachiates from topic to topic, fast as Henny Youngman. In one recent slew

of segues, he tripped from his wife to health care to a satirical White House blood bank to keeping the next First Lady away from governing, to purloined F.B.I. files, to his schnauzer named Leader. "We'll get into that later." he suddenly concluded. "Animal rights or something of that kind." Whether voters could track his lastforward criticism of the Clintons, from First Lady controversies to political correctness, is an open question. Some news professionals actually worry that quoting the candidate verbatim, rather than filling in the blanks of his whatevers, makes reporters seem anti-Dole.

"Dole impresses me as a 19th century patriotic picnic speaker." says Peter Quinn, a corporate speechwriter who wrote for Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York, the Democrats' baritoned hope of yore. Mr. Quinn finds a Dole speech sepla-tinged with the dearness of simpler times. "He was probably great at picnics in Kansas in the 50's when he started. And Clinton? He's more like jazz: he lays down a line and then he plays it."

President Clinton was never jazzier than the night when the prompter machine that was invisibly scrolling his State of the Union message stopped dead between him and the watching nation. This was a problem due in part to Mr. Clinton's penchant for tinkering with texts and ideas to within minutes of delivery. But that night he seamlessly improvised a long stretch until the scroll resumed. never missing a beat.

More easily than Mr. Dole, the President fine-tunes mood and twang to his audience, most obviously in his down-home speeches in the South where he exults in "talkin'" with the folks, and "huntin" " for ducks flying "so thick you can hardly see the sky." But Mr. Clinton's sax-like searching for the perfect riff can also lead him astray, most famously one late night in Texas when he eased into a bluesy apology for his 1993 tax increase. Republicans are orchestrating this impromptu passage into their campaign to oust him.

Mummy Love

If the President has a speaking eakness it may be a willingness to chase intriguing tangents. "I don't know if you've seen that mummy," he lightly ad-libbed at a political dinner last month after a speaker praised a museum show of the wondrously preserved "Ice Maiden," a teen-age virgin sacrificed centuries ago. "You know, if I were a single man, I might ask that mummy out. That's a goodlooking mummy." His audience roared, sensing self-parody as he smiled broadly.

Mr. Clinton may pay the ultimate compliment to Mr. Dole's speechmaking, however, by sending a campaign operative lately to monitor the Republican's speeches live. The interloper can be seen holding a cell phone on high to pipe the challenger's every strophe and glyph back to the Clinton campaign's now famous rapid-re-

sponse team. Somewhere, Democratic trackers listen tightly from the seat of power, code breakers trying to parse each spoken whit of Bob Dole's whatever.

It Takes a Nixon ...

By FRANCIS X. CLINES

WASHINGTON HESE are days when, contrary to legend, Bob Woodward seems Richard Nixon's ultimate revenge on the capital city that drove him into exile. Mr. Woodward, the investigative reporter who teamed brilliantly with Carl Bernstein at The Washington Post in detailing the abuses of the Watergate felons, has ever since specialized in megabook writings that hardly arrive in town on little cats' feet.

Rather, Mr. Woodward's latest oeuvre typically is timed to thunder lucratively for days from the front pages of The Post, where he is now a ranking editor. Attention must be paid as the excerpts emerge of his fly-on-the-wall disclosures about the city's rich political menagerie. Uncanny details of some pol's inner thoughts and outer peccadilloes suddenly lend a novelized sheen and certainty to what, just moments before, had seemed the complex wartsand-all free fall of capital life.

Phones ring in rival news bureaus as editors demand to match this Woodward revelation or that, like that exclusive about how Bob Dole --imagine it - has been secretly demanding of his aides a perfect running mate: a "10," he is said to have said. Lesser news hacks have heard that from him on the stump for weeks, dismissing it as self-serving.

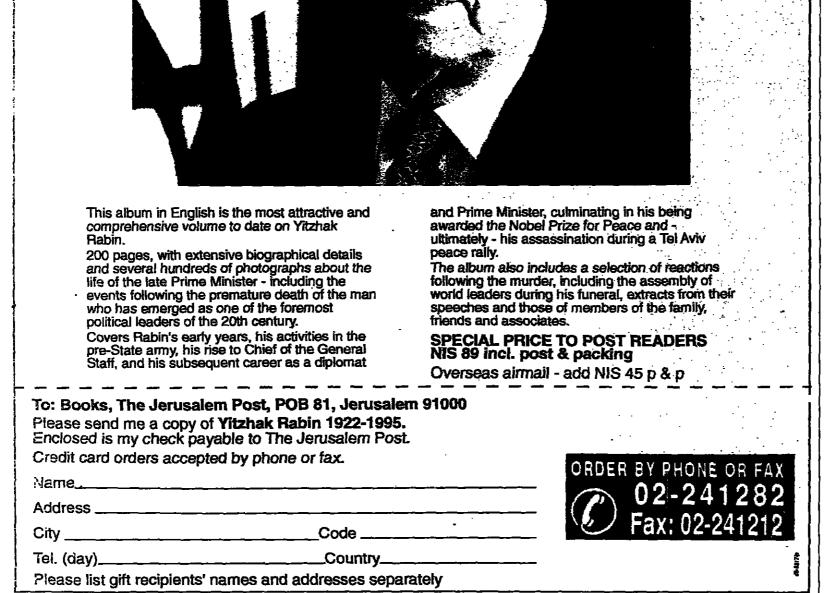
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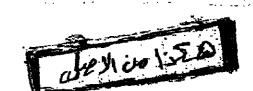
well beyond Mr. Nixon, who energized it so Gothically. The man called The Trick now might be caught smiling at the endless capital syndrome of aspersions and revelations packaged so profitably as the hidden truth that everyone who seethed through Watergate surely knows must be there, somewhere. If only Mr. Nixon could be reached in that Beltway Beyond for ironic comment on what he helped certify.

Which brings up the latest Woodward book, "The Choice." It is about the 1996 campaign between President Clinton and Bob Dole, but instantly sparked tabloid headlines about "Hillary's Guru."

The book disclosed at length that Hillary Rodham Clinton had held White House meetings with a New Age psychologist, Jean Houston, who suggested the embattled First Lady close her eyes and imagine a rolemodel conversation with Eleanor Roosevelt. The Post excerpted this part of the book first, and the story raced through the nation's news industry, spiced into tales of séances.

Mrs. Clinton said mere "brainstorming" for her new book had been sensationalized; she previously tried and praised these imagined heart-tohearts as a way to buck up her spirits. Her office issued a two-page complaint whose essence was: She's ono kook. Mr. Woodward, firm in his reputation for taking the first cut at history, did not disagree in asking fair-minded people to read the book! Sales took off as Washington readers Washington journalism stride on sought to escape the commonplace.





ECONOMY

For a Former Corporate Raider, Act II is Tough

By BARNAY J. FEDER

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tracts now that aper prices have fallen. "I want to be e nices guy in town, but I don't want to be e nicest because I'm the stupidest," he sa

Wait a minute. this the Irwin L. Jacobs, the fabled corpore aider who became conspicuously weavyduring the 1980's by buying huge church of troubled companies like Kaiser Steel, VI Disney and Castle & Cooke (the parent Dole Foods), threatening them with takvers or management changes, and then ling out to higher bidders? Is this the an dubbed "Irv the Liquidator" for themy he dismantled companies that he did mage to buy, like the industrial and leire-goods giant AMF Inc.? Wasn't Irwin cobs known for pestering powerful chiefxecutives like Rand Araskog of ITT, ose conglomerate he wanted to break upot underlings at obscure companies li Watkins, about what they are doing to bit the business?

Well, yes, it is he. understand why he is so busy these days th the details of running Watkins, a prively held company that had revenues last ir of about \$100 million— about what W-Mart Stores rang up in half a day - ones to look at how both Mr. Jacobs, 54, and : times have changed.

"It's some of eat" said Mr. Jacobs, a gregarious and disacingly casual bear of a man. "I wouldn't bunore than 5 percent of a company today uns I was taking it over, and even then I wdn't do it in a hostile situation."

Corporate raidenre not quite extinct. There's Bennett St Bow, for instance, still pursuing his plans break off the food business of RJR Maco Holdings from the tobacco operations of then combine the latter with Ligget, sown tobacco company. Then there if I'l C. Icahn, the New York financier je known for acquiring control in 1985 q ans World Airlines, at the time the napr fourth-largest airline. Until recently, ewas an ally with Mr. LeBow in the sait on RJR. And there's Kirk Kerkorian the failed in his attempt to gain control of hysler's board but may still make hured of millions of dollars from his invenent

But, Mr. Jabs said, the number of flabby or overdistined comp undervalueds fallen sharply because top managers a directors are now much quicker to w their companies into shape at the first in of trouble. "Look at how AT&T and these other companies are breaking uvithout being forced to," he

Moreover, when the companies themselves have been slow to act, many pension funds and other institutional shareholders that once reflexively backed management are now routinely challenging corporate strategies without the prodding of freelance flame throwers like Mr. Jacobs. Their restiveness had a lot to do with Mr. Araskog's announcement last year that ITT would split up, just as Mr. Jacobs had urged in

"If we could have patented our suggestions, we could be suing Araskog right now for infringement," said Daniel Lindsay, a lawyer for Mr. Jacobs's holding company and a longtime partner in his deals.

Raiding investors are also rarer because of the loss of their easiest source of funds, the high-interest-rate loans provided by the giant leveraged-buyout machines run by the likes of Michael R. Milken of Drexel Burnham Lambert. The junk-bond financiers who survive have become much more cautious because of the bankruptcies and other struggles faced by many of the highly indebted companies their deals created.

Finally, as Mr. Jacobs and other raiders who gained control of companies have learned, running them can be a drain on the investors' time, their reputations and even their financial power. For every success like Ronald O. Perelman, who built a business empire around his acquisition of Revlon, many others have stumbled. Some, like T. Boone Pickens, who eventually settled down to run Mesa Inc., find themselves vilified by other investors as the same kind of self-interested corporate insiders they were once famous for attacking. Mr. Pickens stepped down this month as Mesa's chairman and chief executive at the request of a financier he had brought in to defend the company from hostile shareholders.

Mr. Icahn flew TWA into bankruptcy in 1992. Under Asher B. Edelman, Datapoint, a once-leading-edge producer of computer networking equipment, collapsed.

Mr. Jacobs has certainly accumulated his share of bitter lawsuits and critics. "I lost all my respect for him," said Marc Kozberg, a longtime Minneapolis investment-fund manager. Mr. Kozberg profited from many deals involving Mr. Jacobs, but was dismayed by the latter's failure to shield fellow investors caught in the collapse of an investment holding company called MEI Diversified. Mr. Jacobs says that there was nothing he could do to save MEI and that he was among the biggest losers.

Mr. Jacobs is the first to acknowledge that his portfolio's diversity strained his expertise and drained his energy, in part because he made a more serious stab than many raiders did at running parts of his empire. "No one could spread themselves as thin as I did in the 80's," Mr. Jacobs said. "It was profitable, but it could have been a whole lot better."

Not the contemplative sort, Mr. Jacobs does not spend much time fretting about how much better it could have been. While continuing to buy and sell large chunks of stock, he stays below the 5 percent level that would require him to notify the Securities and Exchange Commission of his presence is. Mostly he tries cused on improving the performance of what he already owns to the point where he will be comfortable stepping away.

"My wife asked if we could ever take a month off," he said. "I may never do it, but I've reached the point where I want to know I could."

But he still jumps at what he perceives as bargains, though. In 1994, he snapped up Canterbury Downs, a shuttered racetrack in a Minneapolis suburb, Shakopee, for \$7 million, about a tenth of the cost of building it. But the payoff he was hoping for never materialized. After he ignited a controversy by suggesting that the track could enjoy a renaissance if other forms of gambling were authorized there, he unloaded the property at a modest profit.

"Deals are in our blood," mused Carl C. Pohlad, the 80-year-old Minneapolis banker who has been Mr. Jacobs's backer and partner in numerous ventures over the last 22 years. "We could say, 'Never again,' but it's only until the right thing comes along."

By the mid-1980's Mr. Jacobs had assembled the bulk of the business portfolio - and the headaches - that keep him busy these days. There is no common thread to explain why he has kept some businesses and discarded scores of others, but the centerpiece of what is left is clearly Genmar Holdings, a privately held collection of boat companies acquired since 1977. With sales last year of \$552.7 million, they make up the nation's third-largest leisure-boat manufacturer, after Brunswick and Outboard Marine.

Mr. Jacobs, who keeps three powerboats at his lakeside mansion outside Minneapolis, has long played an active role in managing his boat businesses. But that involvement was overshadowed in the 1980's when his other investment forays were grabbing headlines and generating the profits that allowed him to load up on the trappings of success, including a vacation home in Palm Beach, Fla., and a succession of Rolls-

"He knows and loves the marine business," said James Chapman, the former chairman and chief operating officer of Outboard Marine, a supplier of engines to Genmar as well as a competitor in boat sales. "When we negotiated our long-term engine contract several years ago, it was Irwin

across the table from me." But Mr. Jacobs's management skills appeared to be nothing special when Genmar sales collapsed in 1989, along with the rest of the boating industry's. Burdened by the heavy debts accumulated to allow Mr. Jacobs and others to take cash out of the company, Genmar escaped bankruptcy only because Mr. Jacobs injected new capital, recruited new investors and negotiated new terms with lenders. Genmar's sales began rebounding three years ago, with total revenue up 25 percent in 1994 and 11 percent last year. Operating cash flows remain uncomfortably weak because of rising expenses both Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service downgraded their ratings on \$100 million of outstanding junk bonds in December - but Mr. Jacobs is confident of a third consecutive year of operating profits and is even talking cautiously about the possibility of returning to the black for the first time since 1989.

"We are managing this for the long haul," he said, adding that his main role at this point was developing new marketing strat-

For example, he recently negotiated an arrangement to allow Genmar dealers to display some of their more inexpensive boats in Wal-Mart parking lots, an exposure that he hopes will attract a broad new range of potential customers to showrooms.

Mr. Jacobs is delving much more deeply reach into South Korea.



into Watkins, a 128-year-old company that was once a giant in direct sales. Watkins helped pioneer the technique of multilevel marketing, in which sales representatives are paid commissions not just on their own sales but on the business generated by people they recruit. Such pyramid-like marketing strategies have been a frequent source of business fraud, but when run legitimately they have allowed tens of thousands of Americans to create independent homebased businesses with little investment up

The founding Watkins family had mismanaged the company into bankruptcy when Mr. Jacobs acquired it for \$4.6 million in 1978. A succession of professional managers he installed turned the business around, but after an early period of fast growth, annual revenues stalled a few years ago at around \$100 million.

The slowdown frustrated Mr. Jacobs, who believed the company's marketing structure, made it an ideal refuge for workers threatened by corporate downsizing who were hungry for opportunities to build independent sources of income.

His dismay deepened, he said, when Russ Hall, then the president, raised the cost of the starter kit for new sales representatives from \$81 to \$99, with disastrous results. Instead of bolstering revenue by attracting more committed people, as Mr. Hall had anticipated, the move dampened sales, made new recruiting tougher and infuriated star sales representatives who earned six-

figure incomes, Mr. Jacobs said.
Mr. Hall was dismissed Mr. Jacobs says, and after a meeting to Minneapolis in January with the top 100 salespeople that Mr. Jacobs calls "the best learning experience of my career," a new starter kit costing reached for comment.

Mr. Jacobs is now spending at least a day a week in Winona with a new management team, plunging into activities like negotiating the recent partnership with Jinro, a huge Korean conglomerate, to expand Watkins's

The silver lining in Watkins's troubles for Mr. Jacobs is that they attracted the inter-

est of Mark, his 32-year-old son. The only son in a close-knit family that includes four daughters, Mark had been pursuing an acting career that had resulted in bit roles in several movies. He can be seen getting beaten up in "Goodfellas." Mark moved back to Minnesota this spring and recently became vice president in charge of marketing at Watkins. He and his father talk several times a day. One of Mark's sisters, Tricia, is developing a line of cosmetic products for Watkins, but the three others are not currently involved in Mr. Jacobs's businesses.

Dr. Jacobs said he hoped Genmar and Watkins would both be prosperous enough to take public within a year. But investors might be wary based on the track record of Insty-Print, a franchise chain of 325 printing shops in which Mr. Jacobs and an investment group retain a 70 percent stake after a 1994 public offering. The thinly traded shares of I.P.L. Inc., the publicly traded holding company, are at \$4, just where they started trading in May 1994, having been left behind during one of the greatest market rallies in history.

The problem, according to some investment managers, is Mr. Jacobs. They say I.P.I. told investors it planned to grow through acquisitions, but Mr. Jacobs's rehictance to buy at anything other than bargain prices has resulted in no action and slow growth. That quest for a discount is unlikely to change, say those who know Mr.

"He firmly believes that you make your money when you make your buy," said investing partner in the 1980's, who has since built a mini-empire of his own around the Mountain Parks Financial Corporation, a publicly traded bank holding company.

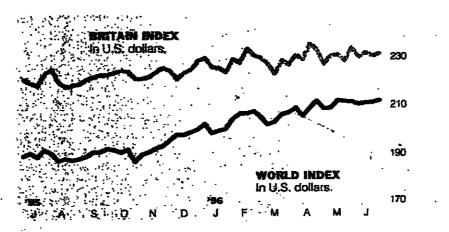
One business where Mr. Jacobs's passion for bargains is unlikely to hold him back is his Jacobs Trading Company and the closely related WGD Inc., which specialize in buying cut-rate goods and reselling them to wholesalers, retailers and consumers. These descendants of Mr. Jacobs's original business, the close-out merchandising deals he began putting together as a teen-ager, aim to capitalize on retailers' growing problems with handling the billions of dollars of goods that come back to them under liberal return policies that consumers have come to take for granted.

Jacobs Trading sells a variety of returned goods picked up from mass merchandisers like Wal-Mart, manufacturers and other sources, marketing them to other retailers or directly to consumers through its small but growing chain of retail outlets in the upper Midwest WGD, which stands for "World's Greatest Deal," is attempting to expand the same concept into electronic marketing (and its home on the Internet is www.wgdeal.com).

Critics, though, say Mr. Jacobs's search for the cheapest deal has led him down a questionable road. To expand the range of returned goods they handle, the trading companies last year began marketing electronic goods and other items that have been rebuilt by convicts at a state prison in Appleton, Wis.

Unions decry the practice as a grab for cheap labor that they say was approved by Gov. Tommy G. Thompson of Wisconsin as a quid pro quo for campaign contributions. The Governor has denied the allegations, and Mr. Jacobs describes the plan as a public service that allows the state to recoup some of its costs of running the prisons and trains prisoners to do jobs that will help them stay out of prison once they are re-

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Fatal Incompetence in Dhahran

Defense Secretary William Perry announced vesterday a series of steps to protect American military personnel in Saudi Arabia — including a wider perimeter around the housing complex that was bombed last week, killing 19 American servicemen. His announcement came at the end of a week in which the Pentagon refused to concede that its security precautions were wholly inadequate and offered one unconvincing and contemptible excuse after another.

To declare, as America's top military officers did, that there was no way to anticipate a truck bombing with the explosive power of last week's attack is nonsense. To appreciate the importance of extending perimeter security to defend against extremely powerful truck bombings, all they had to do was look across the Potomac River.

A year ago, after the bombing in Oklahoma City, the White House closed a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue to protect the President from large truck bombs. The distance from the White House to Pennsylvania Avenue is about 100 yards. The distance from the apartment building in Dhahran to the lightly secured park where a truck bomb exploded on Tuesday was about 35 yards. If the Secret Service realized that the White House perimeter was insufficient, why did the Pentagon settle for less protection for hundreds of American servicemen in Saudi

That is only one of many questions the civilian and military leadership of the Pentagon must answer, not just for the families that lost husbands, fathers, sons and brothers in the bombing but for a country that is tired of hearing lame excuses from the Pentagon about its fatal security lapses in the Middle East. Yes, terrorism is impossible to prevent altogether, but there is a great deal that should have been done.

The history of attacks against American installations in the Middle East fairly shouts a simple but neglected lesson: The bombs get bigger each time, the attacks become more audacious and the defenses erected after one bombing always prove inadequate to defend against the next. -

a truck bombing of a Marine barracks killed 241 incompetence with their lives.

American servicemen. In that case, the Pentagon inexplicably rated terrorism a secondary threat to the Marines, even though the American Embassy in Beirut had been blown up by a truck bomb six months earlier. As a result, a suicide terrorist easily smashed through the flimsy defenses with a bombladen truck.

The Pentagon said then, as it did last week, that the method of attack was novel and could not have been expected. That will not wash. After the Oklahoma City bombing, it did not take a physicist to realize that a 35-yard buffer zone was not enough to absorb the explosive force of a large truck bomb. Ignoring the escalating pattern of Middle East terrorism, the Pentagon designed a defense in Dhahran that might have worked in Beirut or in Riyadh last November, when the bombing of an American-run military compound killed five Americans. It placed barricades around the compound to block access by a truck, but did not extend this secured perimeter far enough from the buildings.

It is fine and fair for American officials to complain about a lack of Saudi cooperation in investigating terrorist threats in the kingdom, and American forces in Saudi Arabia are clearly constrained by the monarchy's sensitivity about the American presence. But President Clinton and Congress must demand an exacting investigation of the Pentagon's security planning in Saudi Arabia. Those found responsible for the inadequate defense should be disciplined or dismissed.

That inquiry must examine every one of the hundreds of incremental decisions that produced the flawed security system in Dhahran. Those decisions were made by dozens of civilians and military officers in the Pentagon, running down the chain of command from Washington to the United States Central Command in Tampa, which oversees American forces in Saudi Arabia, to the Joint Task Force for Southwest Asia, based in Riyadh, to the 4404th Air Wing in Dhahran. All of them were guided to some extent by diplomatic and political decisions made at the White House and State Department.

Defense Secretary Perry's promise to take new The security failure in Dhahran looks similar to precautions is welcome but tragically late. Too the security breakdown in Beirut 13 years ago, when many Americans have paid the price for Pentagon

An Agenda for Either Party

Federal budget. Prevent teen-age pregnancy. Cut income taxes. Hire more police.

Anyone can spot items from the Republican campaign platform. Only these items come from Congressional Democrats. The House and Senate Democratic leadership put together a list of 20 items that it will present to voters this fall as the party's legislative agenda. The parallel between the Democrats' "Families First" agenda and the 1994 Republican "Contract With America" is obvious though unstated. The Democrats' list is noteworthy for its modesty. There is no Big Government lurking here. In its modesty may also lie its relevance. The list serves as a glimpse of Congress's future no matter which party takes control after November.

Instead of the ambitious 1994 Democratic health care bill, the 1996 Democrats propose to require that private insurers offer a stripped-down policy that covers only children, presumably for use by poor families. Most of the other items are familiar: President Clinton's badly targeted tax deduction for college tuition, a sensible promise to help states enforce child-support orders and a call for

Force welfare parents to work. Balance the rules that would allow workers to take their pensions with them when they change jobs. There is also an evasion. The agenda calls for balancing the budget, cutting taxes and increasing investments in infrastructure, but it provides no clue as to how to pay for these promises.

> The remnants of liberalism are to be found in calls to ban imports made with child labor, to impose new environmental standards on corporations and to provide child care, health care and training for welfare recipients.

> Whether the Democrats' new approach is just an election-year conversion is unclear. There was little enthusiasm among the Congressional rank and file for the leadership agenda. But there is reason to believe the go-slow agenda will prevail no matter which party controls Congress. The excessive conservatism of the Republican Contract will not survive the test of public opinion. The same holds for the liberal activism of the Clinton health plan. The Families First agenda would appear to be close to what Congress could do. Without the signatures, it would be hard to tell if it came from the desk of Newt Gingrich or Richard Gephardt.

Wrong Approach to Teen-Age Crime

nile offenders are every bit as dangerous as adult criminals, and must be dealt with accordingly. Congressional Republicans propose to prosecute more juveniles as adults and loosen Federal mandates requiring that juvenile and adult prisoners be housed in separate facilities. Meanwhile, at the state level, juveniles who commit serious crimes are increasingly being tried in adult courts and getting stiffer sentences that must be served in adult prisons.

This may be a politically appealing approach. But it is not the answer to juvenile crime. A recent study by the Rand Corporation says that it is smarter and more cost-effective to invest in programs that prevent youngsters from committing crimes in the first place. Further, juveniles incarcerated with older prisoners are quickly abused. That is why Federal restrictions on imprisoning youths with adults were established 20 years ago.

The G.O.P. and many state legislators say that the only way to deal with the rise in the level of youth violence is to get tough. The data are indeed disturbing. In the past 10 years, the arrest rate for 14- to 17year-olds for homicides has risen threefold. Because the number of teen-agers will increase by an estimated 20 percent in the next decade, many experts predict an onslaught of youth crime.

These fears have prompted Representative Bill McCollum, a Florida Republican, to propose a package of get-tough measures for juvenile offenders. He has introduced a bill mandating automatic adult prosecution of juveniles 14 or older who commit violent Federal crimes or major drug offenses.

Under current law, that decision is left to judges. The bill would also allow optional adult prosecu-

The anti-crime mantra of the day is that juve- tion for juveniles 13 and older who commit other Federal felonies, such as a major sex or financial offense. In addition, it would ease existing Federal restrictions on the ability of states to house juvenile and adult offenders in the same prison facilities.

Similar legislation introduced in the Senate by Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican, would allow for adult prosecution of offenders 13 and older who commit violent Federal crimes or certain drug offenses. The Hatch bill also reduces the age for imposing the death penalty for Federal capital crimes from 18 to 16.

These measures are not likely to reduce juvenile crime, tough as they appear. Neither bill pays attention to getting rid of guns, which are largely responsible for escalating youth violence. In addition, several state studies have shown that juveniles prosecuted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons have higher recidivism rates, committing more crimes as well as more serious crimes, than teen-

agers who serve in juvenile facilities. It makes far more sense to increase resources for youth development and crime prevention programs. The Rand report found that a \$1 million investment in a program offering educational incentives to at-risk youths, including tutoring and modest financial awards, could avert more than 250 crimes. Similarly, the researchers found that spending the same amount on early intervention, like training parents to take better care of their children, could avert more than 150 crimes.

These programs do not sound as catchy or bold as the get-tough-on-kids proposals circulating in Congress and the states. But over time they may do a lot more to reduce crime - and rescue more than a few youngsters in the bargain.

Tired of the Game, Voters Long for Substance

A June 23 Week in Review article wonders why President Clinton remains so resilient despite scandals in his Administration, and William Safire (column, June 24) decries the public boredom and apathy in response to continuous reports of scandals in the White House.

I suggest that the public's apparent disinterest is more an expression of tired anger otherwise known as cynicism. For years we have been privy to the distortions, innuendoes. dirty tricks, negative advertising and, yes, proven scandals in the White House and on Capitol Hill, regardless of who is in office.

Exposure of government corruption and unsavory behavior of our leaders is important, but a game has been created of this otherwise legitimate concern. Like Wild West cowboys, politicians shoot it out to see whose character can be defamed first and most until somebody loses. It's a great game, for what it's worth. It provides sensational sound bites for television, headlines and juicy tidbits for journalists and drama for the public — for a day or so.

Meantime, health care, budget deficits, worker morale, declining wages, wage gaps, racial animosities, homelessness and campaign finance reform remain peripheral in the public dialogue and derailed in

Most Americans are on to this game. The multitudinous stories of sex, lies, cover-ups and conversations with the dead are considered much ado about nothing until serious proof is established after a few years to convict or defame. Then, maybe, Americans will respond.

Perhaps there is no other way in our system. But if this is the game to be played, we can expect more apathy and boredom. JIM COVINGTON New York, June 25, 1996

To the Editor:

With Republicans determined to make character a Presidential campaign issue (Week in Review, June 23), one aspect of Mr. Clinton's character that merits closer scrutiny is his penchant for surrounding himself with people who share his willingness to shade the truth.

Friends and business associates, appointees. Cabinet members and aides are the "I don't recall" brigade. Some apparently can't remember what they did or said only months ago.

Most Americans recognize that their politicians are somewhat less than truthful. However, Mr. Clinton's untruths are frequent and transparent. He is the Joe Isuzu of American politics. He has no

To the Editor: An explanation for President Clinton's political resilience (Week in Review, June 23) is the example giv-

en by the news reports about Hillary

Rodham Clinton's engaging in mock conversations with Eleanor Roosevelt and Mohandas K. Gandhi.

When Nancy Reagan consulted an astrologer, she used the results to arrange President Reagan's schedule. Mrs. Clinton's role-playing has had no effect oh public policy.

In the same fashion, while Richard M. Nixon's White House used F.B.I. files to compile an enemies list, the Clinton Administration appears (so far) to have made no use of the files it wrongly obtained. And, for all the talk about Whitewater, there is no evidence that Mr. Clinton engaged in anything like the obstruction of justice that cost Nixon the Presidency.

The American people may not regard Bill Clinton as a model of probity, but they recognize the difference between impropriety and corrup-JONATHAN J. MARGOLIS Brookline, Mass., June 24, 1996

To the Editor: Despite any perceptions of disgrace to the office of President or embarrassment to his party (Week



in Review, June 23), it is possible that President Clinton's candidacy is enhanced by an embattled middle class's sinking feeling that worse is yet to come should Republican policies go forward unfettered.

Rather than blame Americans' lowered standards for character in their leaders, we should look at their battered standards of living, threatened hopes of upward mobility and fears for their children's and their own futures. Americans are realists. and reality starts and ends in the pocketbook. KATHLEEN SLOCUM Blairstown, N.J., June 23, 1996

Untimely Throwback

To the Editor:

Why did you publish a 1971 picture of a youthful Bob Dole with his "mentor," Richard M. Nixon (front page, ANTHONY P. GLASSER: June 21)? It was the wrong story to Huntington, L.I., June 24, 1996 publish atta time when the mathing of "The Search't Serenity" (1970) tions of the Clinton White House pro- pwas described it acket blurb as "a vide an eerie throwback to the Nixon Presidency. DIANA KLEBANOW Brooklyn, June 21, 1996

The writer is an adjunct professor of political science, Long Island U.

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The commelators who are having a festival riditing Hillar Rodham Clinton for helimaginaryconversations with Elenor Rooseelt ought to look into the case of the English poet and essyist Waler Savage Landor (1775-864).

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of a modest immontary.
So the tradition of imaginary conversations is granded in West-ern culture. I wishhat Mrs. Clinton's could also be plished in book JANS A. MICHENER Austin, 7k., June 27, 1996

Mrs. Dole's Meeting

To the Edior:

Contrary to Mireen Dowd's "Inner Life of Chee' (column, June 27), on the 'alla from Bob Woodward's book, Elabeth Dole did not have to schedu an office appointment to talk ther husband about whether he shot run for President.

Rather, she cho to do so. According tole book, Mrs. Dole "wanted" such meeting because "she liked to to their home as an oasis away frome noise and rush of their very pub professional lives."
For Bob Dolejie Presidency is a professional amersonal decision. It is appropriate him and his wife to discuss it whiver and whenever they choose. HOWARD A. COHEN

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Foreign Adoptions Get Sidetracked by Unrealistic Expetations

To the Editor: Your June 23 front-page article on children adopted from abroad makes one wonder what people expect of deprived, institutionalized children that none would be considered

'too troubled''? In a quick survey recently, we asked some of our member agencies that work in Eastern Europe about their experience with developmental delays experienced by children adopted from Eastern Europe, with disrupted adoptions and with lawsuits filed by adoptive parents.

The results from 12 agencies of varying size around the United States show 10 disruptions out of 1,671 placements. That compares favorably with results of children in the United States adopted at older ages from foster care or institutional settings.

These 1,671 placements represent 19 percent of all children adopted by United States citizens from Eastern Europe over the last six years. About 80 percent of the children had developmental delays at adoption. That should be no surprise: they are from orphanages, many were not infants, and they were not from family settings where children get normal stimulation from parents, siblings and relatives.

Once they were placed with new families, within six months the percentage exhibiting signs of developmental delays had fallen to 40 percent; after a year, it was 8 percent.

Many children required professional intervention, some for psychological or other mental health services, others for surgery. Of the 10 reported disruptions, all are with new adoptive families.

And the agencies report that none of the parents of these children have filed a lawsuit against them, Ninety-five percent of our agen-

cies have been in existence for more than five years and three-fourths have substantial experience in adoption. Since we have requirements for agency membership that many of those who worked in Eastern Europe or still operate there could not meet

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To the Editor:

As an American working in a state child-care institution in Romania, I find your June 23 front-page article on adoptive families of Soviet-bloc children of interest. I have been in Romania since 1991. I have spoken with and received letters from many American couples hoping to adopt a Romanian child. My heart goes out to the parents having the problems you describe, which are familiar to me. My experience leads me to wonder

how many people heard or would have listened to information that might have slowed down the stampede to adopt. Couples who badly wanted a child (perhaps a Caucasian child) were caught up in the rush. Late in 1991 Romania closed for-

eign adoptions for months, and the adoption law was rewritten. The new law slows down the process to give more time for screening. The law has been criticized by some Westerners. Efforts are made to circumvent it paying pregnant Romanian women to travel to Hungary, for example, so the baby can be born and adopted

American families having problems with their foreign adopted children should reflect on their own attitudes at the time of adoption before blaming others or filing lawsuits.

(Sister) MARY ROSE CHRISTY Burlingame, Calif., June 27, 1996

To the Editor: Your June 23 front-page article on foreign adoptions features only fam-

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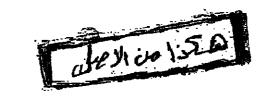
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The forer Soviet Union and its former Etern Europe satellites have open their archives. So has Argentin lave we a lesser responsibility? listice Department and General counting Office reports have deled numerous instances of cove/Government involvement with Na war criminals, here and abroadine full truth needs to be ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN

New York, June 26, 1996 The wer was a member of Congress in New York, 1973-81.



Foreign Affairs THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Will the Center Hold?

On March 13, just after four suicide WASHINGTON bombers blew themselves up in Israel, an extraordinary summit was held on the Smai Peninsula, in Sharm el-Sheik. That summit brought together for the first time leaders from most of the Arab world and Israel to reaffirm that they were all in the same trench in fighting terrorism. What made the meeting so extraordinary was not simply the fact that Arab leaders came together to bolster Shimon Peres, but that it indicated a new alignment was forming in the Middle East - a new moderate center. For the first time Arab states stretching from Morocco to Saudi Arabia were openly aligning with Israel and leaving Iran, Syria, Libya and Iraq on the

In the wake of the Saudi bombing, the Israeli elections and the latest Arab summit, one wonders whether Sharm el-Sheik won't be remembered as the brief shining moment of a moderate center that came and went. Because the key forces that shaped that moderate center are now all under pressure. Here's how: 🥫

THE CORE: At the core of this moderate center, what made it initially possible, was the strategic understanding at Oslo between Israel and the Palestinians to mutually recognize each other and finally resolve their historic dispute. It was that core understanding that paved the way for Israel's opening with the moderate Arab states. That core understanding also made possible Israeli-Palestinian cooperation in a broad range of areas, including security affairs, that were never part of their relationship

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The pressure builds in the Mideast:

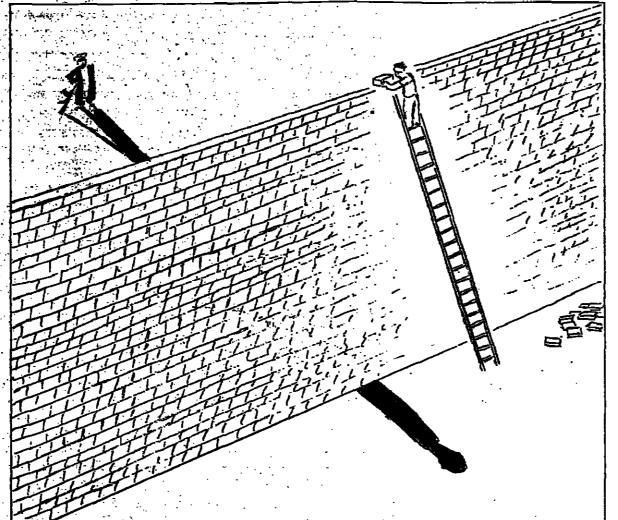
After initially keeping Mr. Arafat at bay, Mr. Netanyahu, in one good sign, sent two of his top advisers to meet Mr. Arafat last week, triggering a protest from some in his own cabinet. But no one should fool himself here: the only way the moderate center will bold is if the bargain at its core bolds, and that bargain says that Mr. Arafat must make a 100 percent effort to insure Israel's security and Israel must make a 100 percent effort to bring about Palestinian self-government in the West Bank and Gaza: Anything less from either side won't

THE FIRST RING: But the center will never be strong unless the first ring around the core holds too, and there Egypt is the key. But Egypt today is playing a double game. One day it tries to lead the Arabs closer to Israel; one day it tries to lead them away. This is because Egypt, long the dominant Arab power, is jealous of Israel's rising influence now that it has been integrated into the region. As long as Mr. Peres was in power in Israel, Egypt kept its worst instincts under some control, but the new hardline Likud Government could be used by Egypt as a pretext to really lead the Arabs away from the center. The recent Cairo Arab summit, which revived some of the most stale anti-

Israel rhetoric, was a bad sign.

THE OUTER RING: The latest devastating bombing in Saudi Arabia is bound to intimidate the Saudis and other Gulfies, and make them less willing to be part of any moderate alliance with Israel. There are internal problems in Saudi Arabia. Something is boiling there beneath the sands, and it's more than a few fringe

THE U.S.: If the moderate center is to survive, the U.S. is going to have to play the crucial, tough-minded role of the reality principle, reminding everyone of what is required to move forward. Are President Clinton and Secretary of State Christopher up to that? The early signals are not good. Mr. Christopher is already "adapting" or muffling long-held principles of U.S. Middle East policy, so as not to offend the new Israeli Government. That will only encourage parties to duck reality, not face it. To Israelis and Palestinians the U.S. must make clear that they will never wage a successful, cooperative war against terrorism without also waging a meaningful war for peace. To Egypt the U.S. must make clear that its leadership in the region is needed, but only as a leader of inclusion not polarization. To Saudi Arabia, the U.S. must make clear that it wants the Saudi regime to survive, but that no one can help the Saudi rulers if they won't take a hard look at all the sources of their domestic troubles sources of their comestic looking un-and that means not only looking underground but in the mirror.



An Invitation to Terror

By Chas. W. Freeman Jr.

WASHINGTON Feb. 25, 1991, just three days before President George Bush proclaimed the end of allied combat operations, the last Iraqi Scud of the Persian Gulf war hit a barracks in Dhahran, killing 28 newly arrived United States Army reservists and wounding scores Last week's carnage in Dhahran

recalled that earlier horror. It also, brought home to Americans that five long years after the spectacular victory of Desert Storm, American troops are still on combat duty in the Persian Gulf. Thousands remain in Saudi Arabia and other gulf coun-Mr. Arafar as a parish, not apartise. There is against frag And they will stay not then the center won't hold and is against frag And they will stay not really behind such an will enjoy neither quiet at pome nor good relations with the Arafa abroad.

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This is far cry from the return to normalcy that Americans and our Arab coalition partners looked toward in 1991. We had given Presi-

Trying to 'contain' Iraq when we should be trying to change it.

dent Hussein a terrible licking. We were sure his days were numbered. We had been careful not to weaken his country to the point where his successor would be unable to play Iraq's traditional role as a countereight to Iran.

We expected Baghdad to see that it was in its interest to comply with United Nations demands that it dismantle its weapons of mass destruction — its missiles and its nuclear, chemical and biological arsenal and to seek a renewal of peace with the Gulf Arabs, including Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

We thought the Gulf Arabs would form an effective collective defense organization, backed by Egypt. United States land and air forces would then be no more necessary than they had been before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Americans and Gulf Arabs alike celebrated as our troops head-

ut Saddam Hussein is still there, cheating all he can on United Nations efforts to halt his drive for nuclear, chemical and biological weapons with which to gain revenge on Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. And with the Gulf Arabs as militarily disunited as ever, the only thing stopping him is the United States military presence in the region.

Operation Desert Storm burdened the Saudi economy with huge debts. Saudi living standards have fallen substantially as the kingdom's generous subsidies to its citizens are squeezed to pay off wartime loans and subsidize the coalition forces (Americans and a few Britons) still in the kingdom. The presence of these foreign forces chafes at the country's social and political stability, and resentment swells the ranks

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of extremist groups hostile to the Saudi royal family and the West. The royal family's sensitivity to this resentment accounts for the initial Saudi press reports' identifying the victims of last Tuesday's bombing only as "foreigners," not as United States airmen.

Americans and Saudis would be a great deal more comfortable if the situation allowed what both expected after the gulf war: the withdrawal of United States forces from the kingdom. But because Mr. Hussein managed to escape the political consequences of his military debacle, the United Nations effort to curb his military ambitions must continue as long as he remains in power, and a United States military presence is essential to that effort.

erhaps it's time to get serious about removpower. But current American policy isn't Iraq and Iran in the region, cutting them off from the world economic and trading system, and balancing the two nations' military power with American forces while waiting for Mr. Hussein to fail.

The best that can be said of this strategy is that so far it has not brought Iraq and Iran together against the United States, as many of its critics leared it would. The worst may be that it has handed Baghdad and Teheran the initiative. Either can yank huge deployments of American forces to the gulf whenever it wishes to do so. Iraq has successfully pulled this particular string several times. Iran could do

Iraq may be isolated, but Iran is not. The Gulf Arabs have joined our European and Asian allies in normalizing diplomatic relations and carrying on a thriving export trade with Teheran. The only coalition member with a policy of "dual con-tainment" seems to be the United States. Efforts to force our allies to join us in isolating Iran anger them

more than they hurt Teheran. The Iraqi threat is military. United States forces in the region help contain it. But it is hard to see the relevance of these forces to the Iranian threat, which has consisted of terrorist actions in places far from the gulf, like Lebanon. The destabilizing effects of the American military presence in Saudi Arabia, Babrain and other Gulf Arab states may, in fact, be generating new targets for Iranian-backed terrorism.

Meanwhile, George Bush and Margaret Thatcher have been removed from office. King Fahd is visibly nearing the end of his reign. But Saddam Russein is still in Baghdad, plotting revenge. Even if he didn't give the perpetrators of Tuesday's atrocity a helping hand, he must have been pleased by what they did.

"Dual containment" is a policy with no apparent benefits and many risks. It is hard to argue that it amounts to more than a catchy slogan for keeping United States forces in the gulf indefinitely until Mr. Hussein falls from power. Five years

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have gone by, and that has not happened. It might happen tomorrow, of course. Then again, it might not happen anytime in the next five years. Until it does, American forces will be stuck in the gulf, Saudi Arabia will remain troubled by their presence and extremists will see them as attractive targets for terrorism.

There are plenty of Iraqis eager to get rid of Saddam Hussein, The United States spends less to support them than its Air Force spends to fly a day's missions in the gulf. We need to get our priorities straight.

Arab allies call out for a strategy that does not depend on permanent stationing of United States forces in the gulf. Helping the Iraqi people rid themselves of Saddam Hussein, not hunkering down behind barricades in Dhahran or picking fights with our allies over Iran, is the key to security in the gulf $((1,2,2)^{-1})^{1/2}$. s but tragitally lifts. Fee i

Our interests and those of our Gulf

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MAUREEN DOWD

Aldrich Aims

WASHINGTON It was a culture clash bound to

clatter into public. Civil servants vs. uncivil kids. Starched shirts vs. short skirts. Scotch vs. bongs. Men with guns vs. men with men. George Bush's Yale '48 vs. Hillary Rodham's Yale '73.

When the Clintons swept into town on Harry Thomason's red carpet, they alienated the permanent White House establishment. After a scandal-tarred campaign, Mrs. Clinton demanded to be surrounded with people she trusted, even if it meant axing non-political staffers and replacing them with Craig Livingstonesque lightweight loyalists.

Fearing that those assigned to protect and serve still loved the Bushes and were spreading rumors about the Clintons' personal life, she fired an usher, tried to transfer Secret Service agents and, according to David Watkins, encouraged him to get "our people in" the travel office. A note found in Vincent Foster's briefcase fretted that the ushers had "plotted" to pad the Clintons' redecoration costs for the White House, "taking advantage of ... HRC."

Now comes "Unlimited Access," by Gary Aldrich, a prissy slap back from institutional Washington. It seems Mrs. Clinton was right to fear that there were White House holdovers eager to squeal about the Clintons' volatile private life.

The author, an F.B.I. agent for 25 years, the last three at the Clinton White House, peddles some salacious, unverified gossip, but is most illuminating on the internecine struggle between the unbuttoned meritocracy and the buttoned bureaucracy.

'Revenge of the prude," George Stephanopoulos. Like Jimmy Carter, the Clintons

show more compassion for the masses than for individuals. But Mr. Aldrich is so censorious and petty that you begin to root for the scuffed, shaggy side. It's like a family fight, when one side is screaming, "And then what about that Thanksgiving, when we stayed up all night making pies, and you didn't even eat them?"

Moaning about the counterculture, Mr. Aldrich says another F.B.I. agent told him: "'Kill the pigs.' 'Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, the Viet Cong are goma win.' That's who they are, Gary. They're the people we used to arrest."

He says that, as an agent-in-training, he policed anti-Vietnam protesters on the Mall who chanted "Right

the future President of the United States was leading a march against his own country's embassy."

Mr. Aldrich, whose favorite words are "impeccable," "letter-perfect" and "immaculate," comes off as a cross between Elliott Ness and Miss Manners. He tsk-tsks about advance men who look like "bikers," about Mr. Stephanopoulos blowing bubbles with gum and littering potato chips, and about Clintonites with bad phone manners, peasant blouses, lond ties and earth shoes. ("I haven't worn earth shoes since seventh grade," says Mr. Stephanopoulos.) A woman in a tight shirt and short skirt so offends Mr.

In the line of ire.

Aldrich he "almost wondered if I'd

walked into Hooters by mistake." Then he turns round and scores Mr. Stephanopoulos for "working hard to perfect the 'fluff' and 'cascade' over his forehead."

Complaining about the First Lady's affirmative action efforts, which he describes as favoring "tough, minority, and lesbian women, as well as weak, minority, and gay men," he defines the difference between the Bushies and the Clintonites as "Norman Rockwell on the one hand and Berkeley, California, with an Appalachian twist on the other."

The Clinton crowd can't do anything right. "One young lady was dressed entirely in black — black pants, black T-shirt, black shoes, even black lipstick." Has Agent Aldrich never been to Manhattan?

"There was a unisex quality to the Clinton staff that set it far apart from the Bush administration," he writes. "It was the shape of their bodies. In the Clinton administration, the broadshouldered, pants-wearing women and the pear-shaped, bowling-pin men blurred distinctions between the

sexes.

He reports with horror that Al and Tipper Gore are Deadheads. He rushes to Mack McLarty to complain that an official uses coarse language. And coffee on the floor of the canteen sends him into a tizzy. "I took some napkins and tried to mop up the mess before someone got hurt," he writes.

Poor Agent Aldrich. He's looked at

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WEEKLY REVIEW

Computers Now, Apocalypse Coming Right Up

By BRUCE NEWMAN

LOS ANGELES the small, darkened room above an old airplane hangar once owned by Howard Hughes, the director Roland Emmerich and two other men sit gazing into the glow of the last campfire before the apocalvose. It is Mr. Emmerich's apocalypse now; he built it.

Bathed in the firelight of an alien spacecraft burning on a high-definition computer monitor, the director adds his unmistakable touch to a blur of finger smudges on the screen. "We need more flames here," he says, pointing. "And everywhere, destruction.

Mr. Emmerich is composing digitaleffects shots for "Independence Day," a film about the invasion of Earth by an alien armada that opens on Wednesday and stars Will Smith, Bill Pullman and Jeff Goldblum. When Mitchell Drain, the digital artist who is helping Mr. Emmerich blend bits and pieces of computer-generated imagery to create a single composite shot, senses there are more actors in the foreground than the director wants, he offers to make them disappear. Mr. Emmerich nods, and in a heavy German accent he orders, "Wipe them off the face of the earth."

That done, Mr. Emmerich asks to have another group of people "downsized" and moved to the corner of the frame, which Mr. Drain manages in an instant. On the screen, a helicopter flies over a group of people standing on a hillside and on toward the Los Angeles skyline, where hovering alien ships are about to give the city an extremely bad hair day. When some wildflowers appear in the bottom of the picture, Mr. Emmerich orders up a human figure to be placed in front of them. This, too, is accomplished with a touch of Mr. Drain's electronic

What makes this scene unusual is that the people on the hill are not really there, the helicopter is not really flying across the sky, the helicopter is not really a helicopter, and that's not really the sky either.

In fact, the only there there is the shot of downtown Los Angeles, which was photographed nearly a year ago for use as a "backplate," or what amounts to a canvas for the film's digital artists. When the compositing session ends, Doug Smith, the visualeffects supervisor, mentions to Mr. Emmerich that the sound for this shot is finished. "It is, in a way," the director replies cryptically. "And in another way, it isn't.'

This is the brave new world of digital movie making, where films are shot inside powerful computers by virtual cameras mounted not on cranes but on silicon chips.

'So much more of the creative process is in post-production now," says William Fay, the executive producer. "When we finished principal photography for Independence Day, we still had nearly half the movie to shoot.

To make the computerized portion of the film, Mr. Emmerich and about two dozen digital artists have been living for months in a virtual world of rooms like this one, lighted only by a red lava lamp and a small digital clock that flashes 12:00 endlessly.

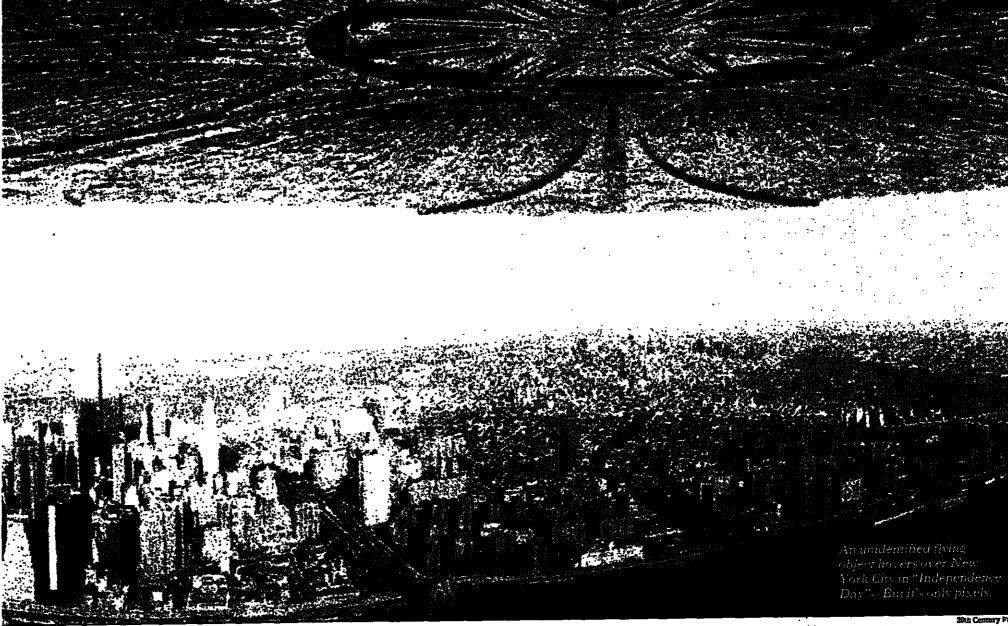
There are occasional reminders of another world outside, with its own flashing digital clock, and today one has arrived in the form of a story in Entertainment Weekly reporting inaccurately, as it turns out - that there are more than 3,000 specialeffects shots in "Independence Day." The magazine was actually referring to the number of "elements" that make up the raw ingredients of special-effects shots: the rabbit, the hat, the wand and the man in the cape that together make the trick magical.

That Mr. Emmerich and his colleagues find this error laughable says a great deal about how much is understood inside this room about an emerging art form with its own new vocabulary, and how little is understood outside it - the difference between data and Dada.

There are actually more than 360 digital special-effects shots in "Independence Day, composed from more than 4,000 individual elements. In the shot Mr. Emmerich has been working on, for instance, the backplate is one element, the helicopter another, the people a third that exist on an electronic palette like watercolors or oils. And the most important color accessory in this paint box is the blue-screen, in front of which all the separate elements are filmed. Programmed to strip out all the blue, the computer can then join the layers to form a single shot. Mr. Drain is working on a shot for one of the climactic scenes in which there are more than 70 layers of fire, smoke and debris, something no other mov-

ie has ever had before. "A couple of years ago everybody's mouths were hanging open because 'Jurassic Park' had seven minutes of computer-generated effects," says Tricia Ashford, the film's digital visual-effects supervisor. "In this picture we deliver over 50 minutes of effects." There is a single 10-minute reel with visualeffects shots flashing past the eye at

a rate of one every five seconds. The film makers had originally planned to make "Independence Day" an aggressively low-tech pro-



duction; mixed in among the 120 shots using miniaturized models another record — are images that were created by literally hanging models from pieces of string in front of still photographs.

This unintended homage to the director Ed Wood's loony "Plan 9 From Outer Space," in which the aliens arrived from outer space in a pie pan, was an attempt to profit from the lessons learned by the director and the producer, Dean Devlin, in their previous collaboration on 'Stargate." a surprise hit when it was released in 1994.

"I didn't want to have any CG" computer-generated -- "stuff in the foreground because I tried it before and failed miserably in 'Stargate,' says Mr. Emmerich. "We spent like four months doing that, and finally I stopped it because it looked terrible. But I was a little bit stupid because l should have known that CG work is taking every half-year a gigantic step forward.

The "Independence Day" script was written and storyboarded at the same time at the same table, with Mr. Devlin writing on a laptop and Mr. Emmerich drawing the scenes. The movie was always intended to be an effects spectacular, so they sent the finished script off to stateof-the-art effects houses like Industrial Light and Magic ("Twister") and Digital Domain ("Terminator 2"), which estimated the costs at about \$150,000 for each visual effect. With a budget of about \$70 million, the best the film makers could have hoped for was to make a strippeddown version of the present movie.

"They didn't really have a lot of money, considering how much they wanted to put up on the screen," recalls Ms. Ashford. By starting what amounted to their own effects boutiques, with teams of handpicked animators and model builders, they were able to trim the cost of the visual effects to under \$40,000 a shot.

Though "Independence Day" wasn't exactly put together on Mr. Emmerich's Visa card, he and Mr. Devlin used many of the tricks common to low-budget film making. But by far their boldest move was to import a group of students from a German film school and turn over to them the early stages of the digital-effects work.

"It was a little experiment that paid off big-time for us," the director says. "What they particularly brought was the ability to not all the time say, 'That's not possible.'

During a trip to Germany to promote "Stargate," Mr. Emmerich had stopped off to see an old colleague, Volker Engel, an instructor at the prestigious Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg, whom he had chosen to coordinate the visual effects for "Independence Day." Mr. Engel showed him a class project that several of his students had worked on, a 50-minute science fiction movie about an underwater station in the Marianna Trench. It contained four minutes of pure computer-generated animation and compositing that involved one actor being multiplied

several times. Recognizing a vein of undiscovered talent willing to work incredibly long hours for very little money, Mr. Emmerich brought seven of the students to America. For several months they constituted the production's entire computer animation de-

partment, and they quickly set about convincing the director and the producer that their thinking on computer imagery was prehistoric, which is to say from the "Jurassic" era.

Their opportunity arrived last last, as work was beginning on the climactic dogfights between F-18 fighter jets and the small alien attackers.

The animators visited the U.S. Marine base at El Toro, Calif., to take photographs of an F-18 from every conceivable angle - the fighter jocks affably swapping stories with the computer jocks - then scanned the photos into a computer, pasted the images together to create a kind of digital skin and grafted that onto a computer-generated wire frame. Now they had a realistic, three-dimensional, virtual F-18 fighter bristling with ordnance. No more games of Donkey Kong for die Kinder.

The young Germans got permission to set up a test comparing a computer-generated shot of an F-18 with a close-up photo of an F-18

"You get very close to the planes as they go whooshing by, and you really could see all the detail," says Hartmut Engel, one of Volker Eng-el's students. "That was when we really worked long overtime hours, the whole weekend through.

"But in the computer you are really set free," he explains. "You can make parts move that you usually can't in a physical model because you have to get motors to fit. We thought breaking through those limitations and doing stuff you cannot do in motion control would be a good chance to take over."

By proving they could make the digital pilots move around in their byte-stream cockpits, the animators earned control of the so-called hero shots that appear to show Will Smith and Bill Pullman in flight.

One problem with rendering such images in the past was that the computers always created razor-sharp images, which looked unnatural to the human eye. But the latest generation of computers has no problem creating the kind of blurring that makes the motion seem natural. This made the aerial battles in "Independence Day" - for which not one genuine F-18 ever left the ground - look just as authentic as those in a movie like "Top Gun," which used real jets.

"Way back in the old stop-motion times, when Ray Harryhausen was doing all the 'Sinbad' movies and 'Mighty Joe Young,' they moved their puppets, took away their hand and took photos," says Hartmut Engel. "And because there was no movement within a single frame, you had razor-sharp images of every

"When you look at it now, you still love the way it looks. But for some reason, you feel it's not real. You see it's a puppet. And that's because there is no motion-blur.'

The German-led team of animators created jets so convincing that they were eventually mixed in side by side with model shots.

'We have a whole chase through the Grand Canyon in which we constantly switch back and forth," says Mr. Devlin, "and I defy anyone to tell which ones are the models and which are computer generated,"

Such scenes are dazzling visual showpieces, and "Independence Day" has dozens of them. But for all 125 Bungle, with "up"

their computer-corrected realism, they are still just sophisticated versions of Ed Wood's pie pan and can only engage an audience on the slightly giddy level of suspended disbelief dangling from a piece of

In some ways, it is the close-up magic of what Ms. Ashford refers to as the "invisible effects" that either put the movie over, or do not.

One of the more satisfyingly thrilling of these moments occurs when Mr. Smith's girlfriend (played by Vivica Fox), her little boy, and a dog that could pass for Old Yeller are trapped in a tunnel through which a

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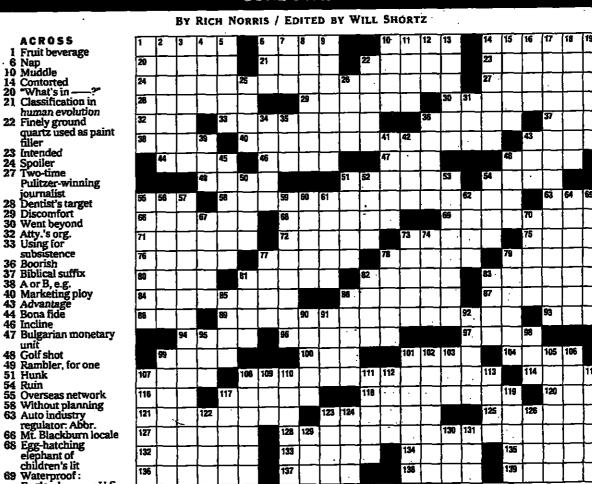
The scene is rich with the kind of detail almost certain to singe the eyebrows of moviegoers. Yet most of it was stitched together digitally on a computer screen by Conny Fauser-Ruemelin, another of the German

The rolling fireball was an actual explosion, filmed from above the detonation point. Then the picture was, in effect, turned on its side so it would appear to be going through a tunnel. All but one of the cars in the ; sproud of that bump."

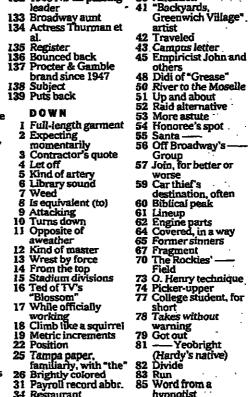
shot are model-miniatures, shot in front of a blue screen on which Ms. Fauser-Ruemelin first painted the tunnel wall, then added hundreds of pieces of flying debris.

Boomer actually jumped across a blue box, over which Ms. Fauser-Ruemelin then stripped in the image of a car. She also added a reflection of the dog in the car's rear window as he jumped, and painted in subtle ripples of heat and light on the tile wall. She even animated the car that Boomer hurdles, to make it dip slightly under his virtual weight. Ms. Fauser-Ruemelin says, "I'm really

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Compromising to keep the Jewish people as one The Jewish Agency resolves to preserve unity by maintaining the Law of Return and the 'current situation,' reports Marilyn Henry N what was called a "historic" vote laden with symbolism, Jewish peoplehood prevailed over politics as world Jewry voted this week for Am Ehad. The Jewish Agency concluded its annual assembly last Wednesday in Jerusalem with a unanimous vote calling for the preservation of the unity of the

and the "current situation." The impetus came from Diaspora fund-raisers, who have been struggling to maintain American financial support for the Jewish Agency. The broad resolution was expected to simultaneously help bolster Diaspora fund-raising, to express Diaspora fears about the status quo to the new Israeli government, and to boost the prospects of the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel.

Jewish people."

Israeli and Diaspora Jews - the religious, secular and political par-

tisans - passed a resolution that

would preserve that unity with a

call to maintain the Law of Return

The issue is not new. That we responded is not new," said Shoshana Cardin, president of the United Israel Appeal. What is new is the unanimity, the wall-to-



Ades: Different interpretations

wall recognition of Am Ehad." Getting that recognition was far from painless. Wednesday's debate lasted nearly two hours and became ensnared in confusing parliamentary rules as organizers hustled among 400 delegates to find compromise language that would soothe all sides.

"Not everyone is going to feel said Alan Ades, president of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Along with the Reform movement, the Conservatives had backed a stronger statement.

But China exploded in fury. The

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will serve for a year or so until

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another product of Patten's stew-

ardship, would be watered down.

They were always deeply, deeply suspicious of the slightest

change proposed by us," said a for-

mer senior Hong Kong govern-ment official who took part in a

numbing series of negotiations when China objected to a new

They were convinced that all

The democracy movement is

expected to protest with its usual

vigor. It was pointedly excluded

from the Preparatory Committee and is suspicious China plans to

use the provisional legislature's

brief tenure to snuff out cherished

Some have talked of occupying the legislative chamber, others of

Much then hinges on how

Beijing, which is not used to being

so rudely challenged, responds,

and how Hong Kong, grown used to London's long leash, reacts.

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Nor are those who are feeling flush with victory necessarily cel-

Cardin: 'We can overcome differences.'

ebrating the same thing. "I am still not sure my interpretation of the 'current situation' is the same as the other side," Ades said after the

The resolution urges the govemment to abstain from legislation that would change the "current situation," which, for some, was the code word for "status quo." The assembly deleted specific references to "status quo," "pluralism" and "other issues [that] may estrange major parts of the Jewish people from their linkage to the nation, to their culture and the Jewish state."

The resolution may be benign in its language, but this is historic, Rabbi Uri Regev, a leader of the Reform movement in Israel, said in an interview before the vote.

The vote "showed that the various segments [of the Jewish world] were willing to compromise, to be sensitive to each other's needs and concerns," Cardin said. "I think it showed that we can overcome many differences."

The non-Orthodox "are recognized as part of the lewish peo-

PLURALISM IS a two-way street. Non-Orthodox Diaspora Jews, still smarting from the 1988 debates on "Who is a Jew," continue to press for recognition from the Israelis, and have become

quite edgy since the May election. They fear that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu may make concessions to the Orthodox parties in building his government. In turn, many Israelis seek the legiti-

macy that American Reform and Conservative Jews seem to take

for granted in the US. "Don't put geographic bound-aries on the principle of pluralism," Regev told the delegates before the vote. "Please don't think that pluralism is good in Toronto, New York and Buenos Aires, but not in Jerusalem or Tel

Aviv. It is only recently, some observers said, that Israelis are grasping the American idea of pluralism. But many seem to misunderstand the set of voluntary circumstances that promote alternative forms of religious belief and practice.

Pluralism is enshrined in the US, which has a strict separation of church and state. In the freefor-all of American society, the authority and legitimacy of the clergy comes from the bottom. from the acclamation of the individual congregations. The role of the state is largely passive; it does not stand in the way of what the congregations choose.

Observers noted that in Israel the non-Orthodox have far to go in building the kind of popular support for their movements that is the power of their American counterparts.

Others noted that the American community itself struggles mightily with the question of pluralism. This problem [of non-Orthodox recognition] is not unique to Israel," said Ades, whose organization represents Conservative synagogues in the US. "We have these problems in

While pluralism is the vaunted US political creed, religious plural-ism also is the fault line for the American Jewish community. "The word pluralism today from our point of view is a battle cry," said Mendy Ganchrow, president of the Orthodox Union, the congregational wing of mainstream American Orthodoxy. "The Orthodox world cannot accept pluralism." Coalitions or umbrella groups

that include all religious streams traditionally have been forced to skirt any position on the issue because they simply cannot agree. When the subject of pluralism inadvertently reaches the table, it wreaks havoc on American Jewish organizations. Last year, for example, Orthodox groups suspended their activities within the American Zionist Movement after a "proce-

dural mistake" put the Zionist

group on the side of pluralism. The assembly's vote, then, might serve as a reminder to the Americans, as well. "The perception that we've reached agreement will enhance our ability to work together in the US," Ades said. "I hope this will lead to greater tol-



Granchrow: 'Pluralism' is a battle cry.

Some delegates also hoped that the resolution would disentangle UJA fund-raising from Israeli politics. Many American Jews vote with their checkbooks, using UJA as the vehicle to express their sentiments about Israel.

An estimated 80 percent of UJA contributors are Reform or Conservative, said Richard Wexler of Chicago, the national chairman of UJA. When the "Who is a Jew" debates st many expressed their profound displeasure with Israeli politics by cutting their contributions to UJA.

"This will be a serious issue for the rabbis, and their congregations and therefore for us," Wexler said.

Don't waste waste, say environmentalists

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

WITZERLAND buries only about 12 percent of its garbage, the rest is recycled and, in the case of organic materi-

als, composted. Japan buries 19 percent. Both countries impose stiff taxes on companies that produce products in containers or packages that

cannot be recycled. In Israel, however, a full 96 percent of solid waste goes to the local garbage dump where it is burned or buried.

Burying uses up otherwise valuable land in a land-poor state such as ours; and burning (not modern incineration but open-pit burning) pollutes the air for kilometers around and produces a variety of

dangerous gases, many of them linked to emphysema, asthma and even cancer. It isn't that the citizenry of Israel is opposed to recycling. In fact wherever pilot projects, such as in Kiryat Tivon and in Yavne, have been instituted the response has been overwhelmingly sup-

It is not Israeli citizens but successive governments from 1948 until now that have ignored these issues. The Ministry of the Interior is the directing agency for municipalities and for local and regional councils but proper waste disposal is so low on their priority list that one can't even find it.

The ministry claims that "recycling has not proven itself to be an efficient way of disposing of waste," although every country that has instituted a proper recycling program says that it is very successful.

The ministry also claims that recycling has not shown itself to be economically sound." But the places that use it find it can even be made imo a profitable activity. They also say that the public

wouldn't support a system of garbage separation even though pilot projects and every past attempt to get public support have

In fact burial - rather than other disposal methods - is subsidized by the government since Israel charges the municipalities and councils only NIS 22 per ton for disposal while countries that have tackled the problem charge at least 10 times this per ton.

The NIS 22 charged here is only a small part of the actual cost so it is no wonder that municipalities and councils choose to ignore the "Collection and Disposal of Waste for Recycling" law that was passed by the Knesset in 1992 and which obliges them to set up facilities and programs for recycling solid waste.

Other countries have demanded that locally produced and imported items be packaged in recy-clable material and have encouraged the reduction of unnecessary packaging. For instance, many types of tuna have both a tin and a cardboard box even though the information necessary can all be printed on the tin.

Excess packaging and non-recyclable packaging are taxed in "enlightened" countries. There is now a proposed law here called the "bottle bill" that is actively supported by the Union for Environmental Defense and other environmental pressure groups that would require all bottles and other containers to be returnable against a deposit and that would impose a surcharge on non-recyclable packaging.

The bill has already received the support and approval of the Knesset Economic Committee and will be voted on in the new

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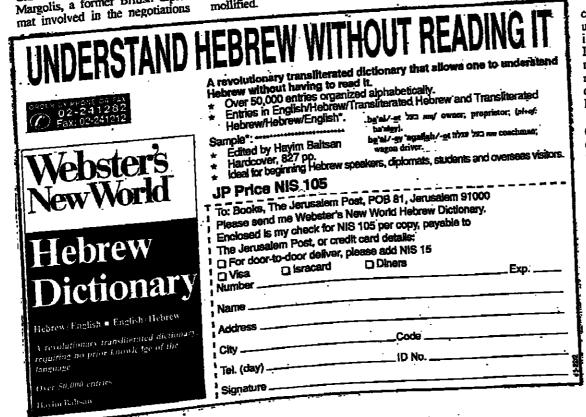
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A Chinese woman casts her shadow in front of a Beijing clock about to count just 365 days until

Hong Kong starts its final

year under the British flag

Hence, Chinese patriarch Deng

Xinoping's "one country, two sys-

tems" formula which promises

Hong Kong considerable political

Hong Kong people and not Communist Party cadres from

Beijing - and certainly not from

neighboring Guangzhou (Canton)

- will run the place. Hong Kong

will maintain its independent

economy and capitalist way of life

These pledges appear to satisfy

Some of Hong Kong's most

prominent tycoons have been

rewarded for their support with

appointments to China's powerful,

Committee charged with ensuring

a smooth transition and shaping Hong Kong's first post-1997

HONG KONG's 12-year transition

has so far been a turbulent one.

with London and Beijing frequent-

ly at loggerheads, most pointedly

over the electoral reforms spear-

headed by Hong Kong's 28th and

almost certainly last British

By any standards the reforms

were modest. They were a

response to strident demands that

reached fever pitch in the wake of

China's bloody crackdown on its

own pro-democracy movement in

1989, an event seared into Hong

The pro-democracy lobby, which

grew out of the shattered illusions following the crackdown, was not

Kong's collective memory.

Governor, Chris Patten.

Preparatory

Hong Kong's powerful business elite which has been assiduously

for 50 years.

courted by China.

hand-picked

administration.

and economic independence.

and now with Merrill Lynch.

her country regains the soverignty of Hong Kong.

T'S now less than a year until .

the British flag comes down

and Hong Kong rejoins China.

For the Beijing regime, the handover at midnight on June 30, 1997

ends over 150 years of humiliation

at the hands of "occupying barbar-

ians." China's aging leaders have declared a two-day holiday and celebrations to mark the British

Will Hong Kong people cheer-

fully come to the party? Tens of thousands will not. They have

Others have insurance in the form of a foreign passport tucked away or a child sent abroad to

establish residency.

During each of the last few

years, around 60,000 people have quietly packed up and emigrated

rather than face the prospect of

being handed over to an authoritar-

ian government so many risked

The exodus continues, but the

majority of Hong Kong's six million

people, living on borrowed time in a

borrowed place, have no option

With less than a year to go, the

Both Beijing and London clearly

want Hong Kong's astonishing suc-

cess story to continue. When Britain

promised in 1984 to return its

wealthy, vibrant colony, China in

turn promised freedoms that would

China does not want anyone to

be able to say that Hong Kong was

one of the world's great success

stories under British rule, and then

went down the tubes as soon as

China took over," wrote Richard

Margolis, a former British diplo-

mat involved in the negotiations

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Current-account Meridor: Privatization gap up 25% in is in workers' interest first quarter

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE current-account deficit expanded during the first quarter by 25 percent compared with the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yes-

The deficit, which gauges the difference between goods and services which entered and exited the local economy, reached \$1.5 billion during the period, compared with \$1.2b. during the same quarter last year.

The deficit's growth was accompanied by a \$700,000 expansion of the economy's liabilities abroad, which could not be matched by an \$100,000 total of net foreign investment here.

In all, the government's foreign

shares, as is permitted in the

Today, the Securities Law

does not enable a company trad-

ed on the Tel Aviv Stock

Exchange to buy its own shares

on the market, mainly because the majority of firms in the

Letting a company purchase

its own shares can reduce its

public ownership, since it mini-

mizes the shares available to the

public. This can create higher

demand, which usually results

Other measures Gaon pro-

posed to boost the capital mar-

kets include increasing the

provident funds' involvement in

the market and removing the fears regarding capital-gains

As for the budget, Gaon called

on Meridor to cut it by NIS 5

junction with sociologists at the

in rising share prices.

country are undercapitalized.

Gaon: Let TASE firms trade in own shares

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Survey: Fewer than

10% of directors

are women

DAVID HARRIS

THE government's imminent economic moves should include measures that would boost Tel Aviv's lagging capital markets, as well as a significant budget cut, a depreciation of the shekel. and acceleration of the privati-zation process, CEO of Koor Industries Benny Gaon said yes-

Gaon, who openly supported Labor during the election campaign, said he was confident that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would continue the peace process.

He also expressed his support for Finance Minister Dan Meridor.

Gaon recommended Meridor take measures to encourage for eigners to invest in the local capital market and help strengthen it. The government, he suggested, should allow firms to trade in their own

FEWER than 10 percent of the

directors of public companies are

women, according to a survey of

700 firms conducted by the

prior to today's association meet-

ing which will be devoted to the

appointment of women to compa-

The study, conducted in con-

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The country's overall foreign debt totaled \$19.4, while imported goods and services reached \$10.2b., compared with \$9.2b.

during the same period last year. The bulk of growth was registered in the import of goods. Exports of goods and services climbed \$800,000 to \$7.5b., while unilateral transfers rose \$100m. to

than private sector cost-cutting Cabinet ministers were not told what budget cuts would be imposed in the framework of a

cussing yesterday. Meridor promised before the meeting he would not to go into. specifics, but he did predict a budget deficit of NIS 5.5 billion for the first half of the year.

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor

told reporters yesterday that the

government's privatization plans

would not only not harm workers,

Speaking after the cabinet's first

broad discussion of the economy, Meridor hinted that with all the

difficulties they entail, public sec-

tor cuts will be easier to achieve

new economic slow-down plan,

which the cabinet began dis-

but would benefit them.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the ministers they received "a very difficult inheritance from the previous government," and accused Labor of having played "election economics" for the last two years

"We promised the public we would run a responsible and liberal economic policy. The only way to do this is by budgetary cuts," he

Meanwhile, thousands of workers are to hold hour-long work

stoppages to protest plans to speed up the privatization process.

Questioned about possible reductions in incentives for foreign investors Meridor said, "the figure has been very impressive in recent years, 25 percent of GDP, but is the current encouragement the most effective, and what levels do we need?"

Those present at the meeting said afterwards that ministers asked questions, but did not raise objections to the outline proposals. Both Netanyahu and Meridor called on the ministers to cooperate with the policy, with Meridor stressing the notion of collective

responsibility. "For the time being, they [the ministers] listened to the policy, and I hope this will be the policy for the new government," Finance Ministry Director-General David Brodet said after the meeting.

Warnings were issued, however. While Meridor has repeatedly promised to do his utmost to prevent the poor from being hit by cuts in public spending. Foreign Minister David Levy said he will oppose any steps that affect the

Brodet predicted a 1% growth in public consumption next year

despite the planned cutbacks.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel also addressed the cabinet session and largely backed Meridor's remarks. Detailing the balance-of-payments deficit and inflation – which stood at 4.5% for the first quarter – Frenkel called on the government to implement significant cuts in expenditures.

Labor responded that the outlined policies will set education, employment, and housing back five years.

"The Netanyahu government is selling the future, and, worse than that, reducing the quality of life in Israel to how it was at the end of the '80s," Labor MK Nissim

Zvilli said. Meanwhile, MK Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur (NRP) called for the immediate reconvening of the Knesset Education Committee to discuss possible effects of budget cuts on education. With the ink not yet dry on the government's campaign pledges, it is already looking for ways to get out of

them, he said. It is still not clear when Meridor will initiate a debate on ministerial allocations, but last night he was to hold further talks with Netanyahu to discuss proposals in more detail.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mediaset shares on sale this week: Shares in former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi's television company Mediaset go on sale this week at 7,000 lire (\$4.57) per share in one of Italy's most

high-profile flotations.

The Italian investment bank, IMI, announced the price at the weekend before the July 2 start of the offer for Mediaset, which owns three nationwide television channels and Italy's largest

advertising company Publitalia. IMI said the price, which was near the top of a 6,000 to 7,200 lire range already announced, had been fixed "taking into account the level of interest expressed by foreign and Italian institutional investors and the requests which have already arrived from Italian

At 7,000 lire the 20 percent stake on offer is worth 1.77 trillion

'Kirch bids for World Cup screening rights': Bavarian media mogul Leo Kirch and Sporis-Holding of Switzerland have bid around 3.4 billion marks (\$2.23b.) for broadcasting rights to the 2002 and 2006 World Cup soccer championships, the German magazine Focus reported.

In an advance release of an article to be published today, Focus said Kirch's offer exceeded by 600 million marks a bid for the rights submitted by the European Broadcasting Union, or EBU, on

behalf of national state networks. FIFA, soccer's world governing body, will reveal the outcome of the bidding battle next Wednesday in Zurich, the magazine said.

Digital TV rights were not included in the package. The Kirch group was unavailable for comment on the report.

Government cracks whip on Algerian ailing industry: Algeria's Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia yesterday opened a two-day meeting with banks and industry officials to try to rescue stateowned companies from collapse after continuing bad

The meeting at the Palais des Nations near Algiers was called by the government after the 2.1 percent first-quarter drop in industrial production compared to the same period last year, officials said. Ouyahia has already warned that state industry must become

more efficient through "rationalizing management and profitable use of their human, material and financial resources." He told the meeting it must "transcend polemics and criticism" and come up with "realistic, efficaceous and rational solutions," the Algerian official news agency APS said.

Air France chief set to decide fate of Europe unit: Embattled Air Francechairman Christian Blanc faces a key employee meeting on Thursday when he is expected to decide the fate of the state airline's domestic unit. Air France Europe.

Six pilots' unions of Air France Europe, formerly Air Inter, were due to reply to Blanc's deadline by midnight last night on signing new contracts which would cut salaries by 15 percent and align them with their counterparts in the parent company.

The airline canceled all its flights on Friday following a strike that day by five of the six unions. The stoppage stranded 65,000 passengers and cost the airline up to 20 million francs (\$4 million). A spokeswoman for the Air France group said Air France Europe would not make any announcement on the pilots' response intil Thursday, when a staff committee meets Blanc. Reuter

Bonn plans toll charges for "mega" road projects: Germany is considering levying tolls on drivers for the use of privatelyfinanced "mega-projects" such as expensive bridges and tunnels,

Transport Minister Matthias Wissmann said yesterday In an interview with NTV television. Wissmann said th government would consider charging tolls in around 12 projects such as the extension of the tunnel under Hamburg's Elbe river and the Engelberg tunnel in Stuttgart.

Wissmann stressed that there were no plans to impose tolls on

motorways throughout Germany.

The transport minister also said the government planned to sell its stakes in the Hamburg and Cologne/Bonn airports, but did not

Henkel-Soad General Manager Urlich Fund (left) shakes hands with Shemen Chairman Alex Ferling as Henkel Vice President Uwe Specht (second from left) and Koor Chairman Benny Gaon look on during the signing ceremony between Henkel and Soad yesterday.

Israel to become regional hub for Germany's Henkel

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, suggests that half of the women directors are major shareholders HENKEL has decided to focus its regional investment activity in with a family interest in firm they Israel, Dr. Uwe Specht, executive vice president of the German con-Most women in directorial cern said yesterday. Specht was here to sign a strategic pact with Soad, a Shemen Industries subposts tend to be Ashkenazi and from the middle classes. According to the survey, those who did not reach their positions sidiary. He expressed his company's confidence that the peace due to family connections, chose their career to fulfill their aspiraprocess would continue despite the recent change in government, adding that the Middle East is tions and to gain a sense of security and social status through their becoming a major growth area, with vast potential for fast-mov-Among the 70 participants in

today's meeting will be Ronit ing consumer goods, such as Silon, chairwoman of the forum household and personal-care of female directors in industry, and Ronit Avramson, former legal According to the agreement, Henkel will invest \$7.5 million in adviser to the Government Companies Authority and a curacquiring 50 percent ownership in rent member of the government Shemen, while will be renamed companies' appointments com-Henkel-Soad. The investment will concentrate on increasing

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Shemen's production capacity and expanding its marketing system, as well as introducing Henkel's products locally.

Henkel, which manufactures chemicals, cleaning agents, detergents, cosmetics, toiletries, and beauty accessories, is one of the world's top four chemical firms, with an annual turnover of over \$10 billion. Among its 15,000 products are Persil detergents and Thompson's house cleaning products. The company had a net income of \$330m. in 1995.

Soad is a general brand name for a series of cleansing and cosmetics products, including Soad detergent powder, Zebra and Fluoride toothpastes, and Hawaii soap and shampoo. The company's sales last year totaled some

Shemen Chairman Alex Ferling said Henkel-Soad will continue to market Soad's products here and in neighboring countries. In addition, the company will be the sole local manufacturer and distributor of Henkel products. Ferling predicts the new firm will double sales by 2000.

Benny Gaon, CEO of Koor industries - Shemen's parent company - said the agreement is part of the group's strategy to cooperate and sign partnership agreements with leading international companies.

We expect that Shemen will become a leading group not only in cleansing products but also in other aspects related to the food industries," Gaon said.

Italian firm wants to build Egypt-Israel gas line JUDY SIEGEL

ITALY'S state gasoline company wants to invest in the construction of a natural gas line between Israel and Egypt. The company, ENI, is the world's largest firm for the use and distribution of gas and petroleum for industrial purposes: A company representative

expressed interest in such a project at the Bi-National Italy-Israel Conference on natural gas held last week at Haifa's Technion. The conference was held due to contacts between the Technion

and its Milan counterpart. Since last year, the two institutions have exchanged lecturers and students; Italian and Israeli industries have also joined forces in joint appliedscience research. An ENI representative in Egypt

said his firm buys natural gas from Algeria, Russia, and Egypt and would like to bring its experience here. He said he is aware the Energy Ministry already has a plan to import natural gas from Egypt via a pipeline. ENI hopes the gas conduit will be "a pipeline of peace."

Check Point soars 71% in first day of Nasdaq trading

SHARES of Check Point Software Technologies, a Ramat Gan-based maker of software that protects computer information, soared 71 percent in its first day of trading on New York's Nasdaq exchange last week. The shares closed at \$24, up \$10, after having reached 243/8, a jump of 74%. Almost 5.5 million shares were traded, ranking it the seventh most-active US issue.

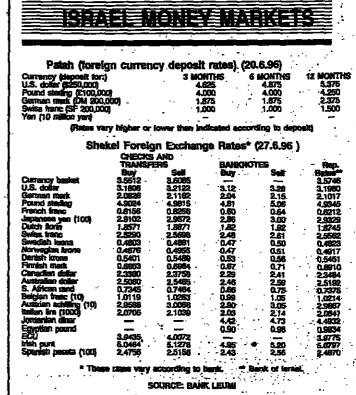
The three-year-old company's initial public offering was priced at 14 by underwriters led by Goldman, Sachs and Co. Check Point and its shareholders sold 4.2m. shares, and about 32.7m.

shares will be outstanding after the offering. Officers and directors will hold 43% of Check Point after the sale.

The price of 14 valued the company at \$458m.

The problem Check Point addresses is simple: when a computer user connects to the Internet, the system becomes open to intruders. Check Point's products, sold under names including Firewall 1, are designed to prevent such unauthorized access.

First-quarter net income at Check Point quadrupled to 8 cents a share, as revenue tripled to \$4.8m. For all of 1995, it earned 14 cents, against break-even in 1994. Sales leaped to \$9.5m, from \$794,044.(Bloomberg)



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Bezeq restrained by Indian court JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ has received restraining orders from the Indian Supreme against Telecommunications Authority, which failed to present within a year all documents relating to a public tender in which Bezeq was one of the winners.

One of the terms of the tender for developing telephone infrastructure in several large Indian districts was a bank guarantee for \$8 million; in exchange, the Telecommunications Authority committed itself to supply all agreements relevant to the tender. But a year later Bezeq - and other members of the consortium that won the tender - have not received even a draft of the tender agreement. According to unofficial information that has reached the consortium, significant changes have been made in the initial terms it was presented with when applying to the ten-

India's Telecommunications

Authority has asked the consortium to extend its guarantees for another three months. Bezeq said that even though there is no legal basis for such a request, the consortium decided to do so, to continue its participation in the tender - on condition that the Indian authorities meet their commitments.

But when the authority acted unilaterally to cash the \$8m. guarantee; the consortium decided urgently to ask for restraining orders, which were handed down Wednesday by the Indian Supreme Court. The orders will bar such a transac-The press in India has voiced

strong criticism of the telecommunications authorities for delay in carrying out infrastructure development. They also claimed the new conditions of the tender are much less attractive to outside investors than the original ones.

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Gold leads precious metals loss

FRIDAY'S precious metals futures ended with solid losses, with gold leading the complex lower into be close amid concerns about possible IMF gold sales.

August foldenber silver closed 0.50 centiower at \$5.035 per ounce. Painum and palladium

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

ounce. Pinnum and palladium ended postly weaker, with October platinum steady at \$393.30 di September palladium

50 cents ever at \$134.25. Copps futures ended with on the day, but off this achieved in earlier session trade, with was boosted by a larger-the-expected decrease in LME withouse copper stocks. Profit-taking later in the day kept n maintaining the day's prices f

At the ose, July copper futures were up 105 points at \$.9185 and September copper futures were up 90 point at \$.9040. Company rallied at the close,

racts ending at or near their high as the nearby markets went in a "fast" trade. Wheat closed stady to marginally weak-er, not saffrom session highs. Sources noted general buying

came into the market on the close in the popular sector as new-crop com logisd strong buying support old cop Weekend weather conditions called for hot temperatures with no moisture. Wheat likely found impoort from short cover-

aly corn closed 343/4 cents high to a new contract high of \$561/4 per bushel. July wheat ened steady at \$4.781/2 per

he com rally gave soybeans reon to move higher at Friday's cle, with heavy buying interest sa in the new crop. Sources no general buying helped the nket move back to its highs ar a choppy, but firmer mid-ses-

he July soybean futures conit ended up 18 at \$7.751/2 per

lotton futures settled with sig-cant losses after reversing from ly gains. Sources said the oility to hold the early strength a bullish acreage report shows ers are still in control of the

July ranged between 73.45 its and 70.65 cents and settled points lower at 70.65 cents per

July and October world sugar ures settled lower on the day in chizophrenic session in which · July contract went off the ard after the close. The October stract settled 26 points lower at 15 cents per pound. September coffee futures settled

ther on the day on mixed buy-, with the futures contract clos-225 points higher at \$1.2145. e September cocoa contract setd \$14 lower on speculative liq-lation, closing at \$1,384 per ton. vurtesy of Michael Zwebner, ummStock Trading Ltd.

China not to oin European jumbo jet project

EIIING (Reuter) - China will not in a European jumbo jet project cause of the high risk and sijing's need to focus on developg its own 100-seat airliner after the llapse of cooperation with South prea, state media said yesterday. prope's Airbus Industrie consorm has said it will scour the world search of a partner to help build a O-plus seat jet to challenge œmg's 747.

Airbus has cited Beijing as a sential partner in the multibillion illar project, but the official China zily Business Weekly quoted anasis as saying China was not ready gamble on such a huge deal while was occupied with developing its vn mid-sized regional jer.

China would not run the high mmercial risk of involvement in ch a project since production of its isting priority 100-seat airliner has t yet begun," the newspaper said. China is looking for a new partner the airliner after the collapse of a int-production pact with South orea. The two countries had unned to build up to one thousand O-seat aircraft, but fell out over ere to assemble the jets.

Beijing had argued the final comply line should be in China tile Seoul wanted production to be

tried out in both countries. China is expected to be a major arket for the jet, as its domestic aires rush to maintain air traffic voine growth that has averaged 23% ear over the past half decade.

G7 puts up wide agenda for world trade summit

LYON, France (Reuter) - Leaders of the world's top seven industrial powers this weekend put forward an ambinious agenda for the first ministerial meeting of the fledgling World Trade Organization (WTO) at the end of this

And signaling their commitment to the Geneva-based body, they brought its chief Renato Ruggiero into their deliberations and pledged to observe the global free-trading rules the WTO was launched in January 1995 to administer.

This summit has been a real boost for the WTO," said the 121-member organization's outgoing information chief David Woods. There was clear recognition of the key role it

must play in developing the global economy." We place a high priority on an efficient. dynamic, respected and open multilateral (trading) system," a statement from the Group of Seven -the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan -declared. In a formal statement, they also reaffirmed

"the central role of the WTO and the pre-eminence of multilateral rules." The seven proposed the ministerial session in Singapore in December should look at

expanding its agenda to look at links between

TOKYO (Reuter) - Private econo-

mists and policy makers pondering the health of Japan's mighty econo-

my are finding their jobs made

tougher by doubts about whether

official data really mean what they

recent shockingly strong growth fig-

ures, but some critics say problems

plague many of the data used to

assess how Japan's economy is far-

ing - a vital task as policy mandarins

seek to ensure the nation's long-

awaited recovery stays firmly on

some time about the accuracy of

(Japan's) economic statistics, and if

you look at the details and the break-

downs, there are some statistics

that are not very convincing," said

Takashi Kiuchi, head of research at

LTCB Research Institute. "So we

economists stunned when the gov-

emment's Economic Planning

Agency (EPA) announced on June

Financial markets were joited and

have a problem."

"Talk has been taking place for

Such doubts were revived by

Skeptics doubt Japan

economic data

18 that the nation's gross domestic

product (GDP) had grown a startling 12.7 percent on an annualized basis

in the first three months of this year.

above the most bullish private fore-

casts and rekindled speculation, later

dampened by other less robust data,

that lapan's central bank might soon

raise interest rates from current

later said they should have been able

to forecast the robust GDP figures

more accurately, others charged the

official data were more fiction than

data accuracy is undermined by sev-

eral factors, including the nature of

its household survey, which covers

only family units and excludes sin-

what biased in that it over-represents

civil servants and salaried workers

and under-represents single persons

and the younger generation," LTCB Research's Kinchi said.

Many economists agree GDP

We think the sample is some-

While some private economists

The hefty growth figures were far

trade and investment and trade and competi-

They also suggested it should explore new initiatives aimed at reducing tariffs on industrial goods - extending the average one third cuts agreed during the seven-year Uruguay Round negotiations that also created the

But they held back from calling for general discussion in Singapore of the potentially explosive issue of writing core labor standards into trade rules -an idea vehemently opposed

by developing countries.

Both the US and France -as well as the European Union as a whole -are keen to get the trade-and-labor link into the WTO work pro-

However, Britain's Conservative government is opposed, arguing together with emerg-ing economies in the WTO that it smacks of 'protectionism" or a desire by the richer countries to shield their markets from cheaper goods from poorer states.

How far the pledge to keep to the WTO rules would be observed was unclear. Washington's trade partners around the world have unanimously accused it of violating them with measures to isolate Cuba, Iran, and Libya.

But the US insists WTO accords allow it to take measures to defend "national security" and is preparing to defend this stance at the organisation's Dispute Settlement Body -the WTO court.

Addressing one of the areas where the WTO has so far failed to make progress, the leaders said they were resolved to complete all current negotiations on trade in services.

Three service areas -telecommunications, finance and banking, and merchant shipping were set aside at the end of the Uruguay Round in December 1993 for further talks which by now should have been completed.
But insistence by the US on better market

opening offers from major developing countries in all three sectors have effectively aborted global accords. During the Lyon meeting, the EU -which

speaks for all its 15 members in the WTO joined the US, Canada and Japan in agreeing to try to shape a telecomms agreement by a new date, next February.

And the entire G7 said they would relaunch talks in Singapore on financial services "so as to reach significant, balanced and non-discriminatory liberalization commitments by

Canada plans US anti-Cuba law

PARIS (Reuter) - Canada said on Saturday it would press ahead with plans to retaliate against a US law seeking to curb trade with Cuba unless President Bill Clinton waived portions of the act aimed at foreign

"It's certainly our intention to go ahead," Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy told Reuters at the end of a three-day Group of Seven summit of wealthy industrialized nations in Lyon, "But we're really hopeful he (Clinton) will give us the waiver."

Canada spearheaded opposition at the talks to the US law, getting strong backing from its G7 allies -France, Germany, Canada, Britain, Italy and Japan, Canadian officials said.

said. "When virtually everyone saying you're doing the wrong thing, you have to start listening.

island was passed after Cuba shot down two US light planes in February. The law gives Cuban-Americans the right to sue foreigners investing in property confiscated from Cuban exiles after the 1959 Communist

Under the proposed Canadian retaliatory measure, Canadians could

in the eye of the beholder.

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I got the sense they (the US) were really listening hard," Axworthy

The act tightening the US embargo against the communist Caribbean

counter sue in Canadian courts to recover damages awarded by US courts under the Helms-Burton Act, named after its Republican spon-

Asked about US claims that they felt no pressure at the summit from their G7 allies to change their stand, Axworthy replied, "I guess it's all

Market up as Teva rebounds

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STOCK indexes rose after four days of declines, following gains in local companies traded in New York, including Teva.

The market is driven by Wall Street's behavior," said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zannex Securities.

Maof Index-listed Teva rose 3.25 percent following gains in Teva's American Depositary Receipts, which rose to 377/8 Friday, from a six-month low of 343/8 Thursday.

Teva's shares rose after it said 1996 sales by its American generic drug unit Lemmon would exceed last year's total. Investors had questioned generic drug firms' earnings after the US-based Ivax said on Thursday its earnings would fall as generic drug prices

slumped. The Maof Index rose 1.01% to 201.10 and the Two-Sided Index rose 1.02% to 197.88. Of 987 shares trading across the index, more than twice as many shares rose as fell and NIS 74.5 million shekels worth of shares changed

Gaining Maof Index-listed companies included IDB Holdings, the exchange's most active share, which rose 7.25%.

The reason for the increase in IDB was due to speculation that entrepreneur Stef Wertheimer sought to increase his stake in the company, Nahum said. "It might be that he didn't even buy anything, but just wanted to buy shares," he said.

Wertheimer, chairman of Iscar, bought a stake in IDB Holding

IDB vice president Dalia Lev said the company had received no notice regarding who may be purchasing the shares,

If the buyer is Wertheimer, he must report the purchase by tomorrow morning according to trading regulations, a spokesman for the Securities Authority said. Other shares rising following

gains in stocks traded in New York included Koor Industries, which rose 0.75%. Koor's ADRs rose to 171/4 on Friday, from a life-low of 163/4 on Wednesday.

Analysts say Japanese steel slump ending

TOKYO (Reuter) - Japan's bellwether steel industry may soon emerge from a five-year slump, and is in a good position to help power the nation's nascent economic recovery, industry analysts said on the weekend.

They said that steelmakers have worked through excess inventories and are likely to boost production by this year's fourth quarter.

The steel industry will see a halt in a five-year-old deflationary spiral in its business this year," said Makoto Hiranuma, analyst at Nomura Research Institute.

There have been a number of signs in recent weeks of Japan's economic improvement, including a startlingly high assessment of the total output of the economy in the first quarter. The government said gross domestic product (GDP) grew at a 12.7 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year.

But the analysts said the good times had not returned yet. Last week, the Ministry of

International Trade and Industry announced that Japan's crude steel output in the third quarter was expected to total 24.25 million tons, down 2.5% from the same period last year. One reason for the current

surplus inventory was that production was increased last year after the devastating Kobe earthquake on April 1 and signs that the auto industry was

Last year's heavy production proved tough to sell. The sharp

appreciation of the yen invited steel imports, and excessive supply pushed down prices. Since then, the yen has fallen nearly 30% against the dollar, giving the industry some breathing space.
"Steelmakers are now very

serious about inventory adjustment and would like to correct prices," Hiranuma said. "They often find it difficult to go ahead with a serious production cut for fear that imports may replace domestic products. But there's no such fear now.

Prices of Brazilian steel, for example, are rising and South Korean steel prices are seen as too low to be profitable for that nation's producers in the long run, analysts said.

An analyst at the Yamaichi Research Institute of Securities and Economics said he expects Japan's inventory adjustment will be over by the end of September and crude steel output in the three months to December will be 25m. tons.

Merrill Lynch analyst Hirovuki Suzuki, however, had a more pessimistic view.

"I don't think inventory adjustment will end within this business year (to March 31, 1997). Output will start picking up in the first half of 1997/98 at the earliest," Suzuki said.

Analysts said the level of overseas demand would remain the key factor in the industry's improvement because domestic demand for steel was not rising much despite the improving economy.

China state firms' bad loans reach 400b. yuan

BEIJING (Reuter) - Total debts at China's industrial firms, most state-owned, reached 805 billion yuan (\$97b.) at the end of 1995. including more than 400b, that will not be repaid, state media said yesterday.

Of the total, 170b. yuan was

added in 1995, the China Daily Business Weekly said. Interest payments on outstanding loans to state firms accounted for atleast 74 percent of their profits, it

Some state firms have for years had debts in excess of their assets, making them unable to repay, it

Compounding the problem are stockpiles of goods that cannot be sold. Their value now stands at 90b, yuan, equivalent to 20% of the total inventory of state firms at the end of 1995, the newspaper

At the end of 1995, such inventories had reached 459.8b. yuan, an increase of 85b. over a year earlier, it said.

To rectify the problem, banks should improve their lending structure, curb the increase in defaults, and improve circulation of capital in industry, it quoted experts as saying.

Reform of lumbering state companies has proved to be one of the most difficult economic reforms facing China. State firms reported a net loss of 3b. yuan in this year's first quarter, the first time on record, official media said last week.

In a report published on Friday, the World Bank said the number of unprofitable state enterprises in China had grown steadily because they invested too much and earned too little and were saddled by onerous social and employment costs.

It urged China to accelerate the reform of state companies, saying Beijing had been able to postpone this because of high private savings, but that further delay would worsen the simunion.

"The frequency with which the government has announced new state enterprise reform programs suggests how difficult reform really is," the World Bank said.

China has been reluctant to close loss-making state firms for fear of large-scale unemployment and possible social unrest, and because of a lack of clear rules over who owns many state assets.

On Friday, the central bank published new regulations on bank loans, to take effect on August 1 that say firms which apply for loans must have a marketable product, must provide a guarantee and will be fined if they delay repayment.

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Golden Goal seals Euro '96 title for Germany

Oliver Bierhoff scored the first ever Golden Goal of the European Championship four minutes into extra time of last night's final to earn Germany a 2-1, come-frombehind victory over the Czech Republic and its third title. Bierhoff, who

Bierhoff, who scored Germany's equalizer after Patrik Berger's 57th minute penalty for the Czechs, fired a shot four minutes into the extra period.

Goalkeeper Petr Kouba got both hands to the ball but it dropped behind him and just inside his left

Juergen Klinsmann, who passed a late fitness test to take his place in the starting lineup, went up to the royal box to collect the trophy from Queen Elizabeth II as the Germans celebrated their first triumph under coach Berti Vogts.

Berger fired home a controversial 57th minute penalty after a foul on Karel Poborsky by Matthias Sammer, But Bierhoff equalized with a close range header in the 68th minute after entering the game only four minutes earlier.

The players went into extra time knowing the first goal scored would end the game the decide the title. It happened after only four more minutes as Bierhoff collected the ball on the edge of the Czech area and fired a shot that Kouba seemed at first to have saved.

While the Germans celebrated their third triumph after victories in 1972 and '80, some Czech players flung themselves to the

The final, played before a close to sellout 77,000 spectators, including Queen Elizabeth II. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Czech president Vaclay Havel and Prime Minister John Major. sparked into life after 30 minutes

of tedious play. Czech defender Karel Rada cleared after Stefan Kuntz escaped round the back of the defense in the 34th minute and goalkeeper Petr Kouba managed to get in the German striker's way to prevent a clear shot.

Four minutes before half time. Kuntz got away again with the Czech defense hoping for an off-side flag and this time Kouba raced off his line to make a blocking save.

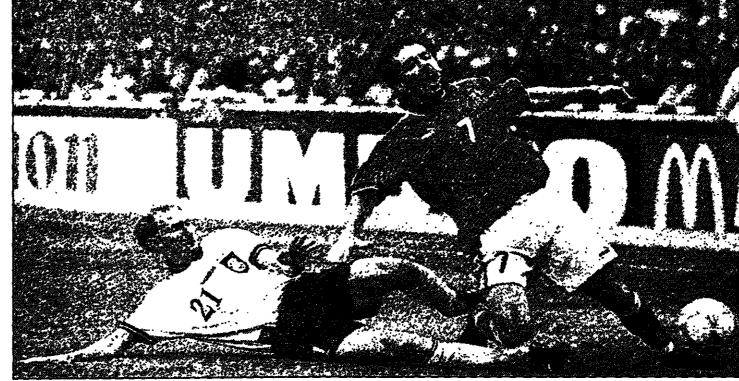
At the other end, Pavel Kuka almost but the Czechs ahead three minutes before the break when he dispossessed Dieter Eilts, broke clear and his close range shot was blocked by goalkeeper Andreas Koepke. German defender Dieter Eilts

was carried off with a leg injury just before the interval, Marco Bode replaced him for the second and was soon in the action. The substitute was hauled down

two minutes into the half by Michal Hornak who became the first player in the final to be shown the yellow card.

From Thomas Haessler's free kick. Bode moved eleverly into a scoring position but just failed to make contact with the cross.

Two minutes later, a slick reverse pass by Klinsmann put Mehmet Scholl in space down the right. Scholl pulled the ball back



GOING DOWN - German Dieter Eilts (left) takes down Jiri Nemec of the Czech Republic early in last night's final.

to the advancing Thomas Strunz whose first time 20-yard shot was high and wide.

In the 51st minute, a free kick from the right by Poborsky eluded everyone in a crowded German penalty area. Hornak arrived unmarked at the far post but failed to make contact.

Another good Czech buildup

almost brought the first goal in the 53rd minute. The ever-dangerous Kuka. one of three players returning from suspension, slipped the ball back to Berger and his first time, deflected shot was held by the diving Koepke. Then came the Czechs' contro-

versial penalty strike. Kuka suffered a head injury from a high challenge from Strunz as he played the ball wide to Poborsky, but Italian referee Pierluigi Pairetto waved play on.

The Czech midfielder looked like beating Sammer for pace as he pushed the ball into the penalty area but was outside it when the German sweeper pulled him down. Referee Pairetto, who was

some 30 yards behind, gave the spot kick and Berger powered the penalty under Koepke's body to give the Czechs the lead. Five minutes later, Thomas

Helmer was fortunate to stay on the field when he blammtly blocked Kuka as the Czech striker made another run for the German goal. He escaped with a yellow card.

Hill wins French Grand Prix

MAGNY-COURS. (Reuter) - World championship leader Damon Hill increased his margin over Williams teammate Jacques Villeneuve 10 25 points yesterday as they finished one-two in the French Grand Prix.

The victory was Hill's sixth of the season and the 19th of his career and underlined again that the Williams team, powered by Renault engines, are hivorites for both the drivers' and constructors'

titles. The Briton came home 8.1 sec-onds clear of his Canadian colleague with Frenchman Jean Alesi third, just 0.04 seconds ahead of his Benetton teammai. Austrian Gerhard Berger.
McLaren's Mika Hakkinen of

Finland finished fifth. It was Hill's first cictory in France and came, ironically, after

he had failed to win from pole position the previous red years.
This time defending champion Michael Schumacher of Germany had taken pole but he kiled to start the race because his Ferrari's engine blew on the formation lap.

Thus Schumacher could not extend his run of French wins to three in succession and Hill apart from three laps after his first at stop, was able to lead the race from start to finish.

Local hoop teams net favorable draws for European play

ELIOT ZIMELMAN

MACCABI Tel Aviv and the rest of the local basketball teams that will play in European post-season play this coming year got relatively easy draws as the schedule was released this weekend in

Maccabi's group competition in the Champion's Cup includes Limoz (France), CSKA Moscow (Russia). Stefanel Milan (Italy). Panianios Athens (Greece), and Olkar Istanbul (Turkey). Of these teams, only Stefanel is a reigning national champion while CSKA reached last year's Final Four. Maccabi's first game is at Limoz on September 19.

Hapoel Jerusalem and Hapoel Galil Elyon will represent the county in the European Cup. Jerusalem's group competition includes Haagen (Germany). Racing Paris (France), Porto (Portugal), Afuel Nicosia and Gothberg (Cyprus). (Sweden). Jerusalem's first game

is at Haagen on September 17. Heading Galil Elyon's group is cup favorite. Real Madrid (Spain). while Ulm (Germany), Benefica Lisbon (Portugal), Skopje (Macedonia), and Plama Plaven

(Bulgaria) round out the group. Galil Elyon's first game is at Ulm on September 17.

The three local teams playing in the Korac Cup - Bnei Herzliya. Maccabi Rishon Lezion, and Hapoel Holon - all received byes in the preliminary round and were placed straight into group compe-

Bnei Herzliya will face off against Caggiova Veraze (Italy), Varna (Bulgaria), Umonia (Cyprus), Rotzkov (Poland), and Honbad (Hungary). Herzliya's first game is at Veraze on October 2.

Maccabi Rishon Lezion's group includes Renston Zagreb (Croatia). Lavoloa (France). Sparta Prague (Czech Republic), and Peshmisal (Poland). Rishon Lezion's first game is at Zagreb on October 2.

Hapoel Holon's group competition, the most difficult of the three Israeli Korac representatives. includes Bashiktash (Turkey). Spain's 1994 runner-up Unikacha Maiaga, Den Helder (Holland), and Collag (Portugal). Holon's first game is at Bashiktash on October 2.

Excitement builds at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON (AP) - At Wimbledon, tradition clashes inevitably with change, fantasy is always at odds with reality, and sunshine wages an annual duel with rain. All that comes into play at this

the second week of the fortnight begins today. On Centre Court, six-time champion Steffi Graf meets a Martina who still is no Navratilova - 15-year-old Martina

grassy theater of the absurd when

For the dreamers in the crowd, Tim Henman takes another tilt at the windmill in his quest to become Britain's first men's chance against Magnus Gustafson to reach the quarters, and that would be accomplishment enough. No British man has gone that far in 23 years. Should Henman have the audacity and good fortune win the whole tthing, knighthood might await

If a storm doesn't blow away play, as the weather bureau predicted it might, three-time defending champion Pete Sampras also scheduled to meet the Frenchman he beat in the 1993 US Open final, Cedric Pioline.

Expos two-hit Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Jeff Fassero pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout and Mike Lansing drove in the game's only run with his third double as the Montreal Expos beat the Philadelphia Phillies 1-0 on Saturday.

Fassero (8-5), who took a perfect game into the sixth, won his fifth straight decision in his second complete game of the season. He walked none and matched a career-high with 11 strikeouts. Lansing got the game-winning

RBI in the eighth when he doubled off the top of the wall down the left-field line, scoring Shane Andrews. Curt Schilling (2-3) was the

hard-luck loser, giving up five hits in eight innings.

Dodgers 13, Rockies 10

Mike Piazza hit three home runs. including a grand slam; and visiting champion since Fred Perty in Los Angeles won its first game under 1936. Henman has a fair enough mierim manager Bill Russell, holding off a late Colorado rally.

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Piazza had six RBIs as the Dodgers ended a four-game losing streak under Russell, who is filling in while manager Tommy Lasorda recovers from surgery following a heart attack.
Piazza's third homer, a solo shot in

the eighth, put the Dodgers ahead 13-0 before the Rockies rallied with eight runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Dodgers hit six homers and the Rockies had three as the teams combined for 36 hits. Marlins 5, Braves 3 Host Florida chased Atlanta starter

John Smoltz after four innings, handing him his second loss this week, and then survived a ninth-inning rally. Jeff Conine's two-run homer in the first inning helped Florida take a 5-0 lead after three innings against Smoltz

(14-3), who had won 14 straight before losing to St. Louis on June 24. Smoltz allowed four runs and eight hits. Pat Rapp (4-10), who had lost his last six decisions, limited the Braves to five him in 6% innings as Florida word in frith straight.

Andy Pentitue became the American League's first 12-game winner

SATURDAY'S NL RESULTS: Cincinnati 9, Chicago 5 St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 5 San Diego 7, San Francisco 6 Montreal 1, Philadelphia 0 Florida 5. Atlanta 3 Houston 9, New York 1 Los Angeles 13, Colorado 10 SATURDAY'S AL RESULTS: New York 4. Baltimore 3 Milwaukee 7, Toronto 4 Texas 9, Seattle 5

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Saturday, allowing only three hits over seven impings for host New York. Petitte (12-4) walked one and struck out four, throwing 97 pitches and showing no aftereffects from the left elbow stiffness that caused him to be beld back in the Yankees' rotation. New York expanded its lead over Baltimore in the AL East to 51/2 games in front of 45,295, the third-largest crowd at Yankee Stadium this season. John Weneland allowed Bobby Bonilla's eighth home run with one out in the ninth, a three-run shot that

made it 4-3. But he finished up for his major-league-leading 25th save. The Yankees scored three times in the fourth and once in the fifth off Mike Mussina (10-5).

Athletics 11, Angels 9 Visiting Oakland hit three home runs to tie a major-league record with 18 in four games, and the Athletics scored the go-shead run in the seventh inning on shortstop Gary DiSarcina's

Jason Giambi, Terry Steinbach and Geronimo Berroa homered for de-who matched the 1977 Boston Sox for the most homers in a four-

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Moncassin wins Tour's first leg

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands (Reuter) - Frenchman Frideric Moncassin won a dramane print to take the first stage of the four de France cycle race yesterday Moncassin, who had never you

a Tour stage before, was blocked by Italian Mario Cipollini andiarrowly avoided colliding into Dutchman Jeroen Blijlevens a pack of riders fought out the that few hundred meters.

The 27-year-old from Toulde recovered to cross the line all of Blijlevens and Cipollini. the Italian was later relegated

sprinting "irregularly."

Czech Jan Svorada, who ca fourth! was awarded thinl p and Cipollini placed 37th and of the leading group.

The riders made a sew start the stage came to life in the bour as rain started to fall

hour as rain started to fall. The race favorites, include Spaniard Miguel Indurain, bides

for a record sixth Tour win, did of take part in the big sprint, comig home safely within the pack Switzerland's Alex Zueles regarded as the man most capale; of depriving mighty Induran,

retained the race leader's velime jersey he earned by winnig; Saturday's rain-soaked prologu Today's second stage will coer over 247.5 kms to Wasquehalini

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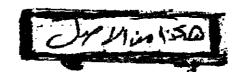
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ing medals for markot.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

22 Vain talking to this god? (4)

24 Dried it off, although not

28 Man from Berlin tender to

- DOWN

3 Finally endure (4)

1 Secures rugby player drink

2 Precise reference preacher

vets, and changes (7,3,5)

4 Result that down is cold?

21 Deal with objection of

fielder (5,5)

cleaned (7)

received (7)

dog (6,8)

. (5.2)

(6)

10 Soft drink little boy 25 Treatment for blow they

duce record-breaking results.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

VIOLENCE on the small screen, both real and

imagined, is addressed on two very different pro-

the former Yugoslavia, tries to go beyond instant history in assessing the chances for peace in Bell on

Bosnia, at 6:05 a.m., 6:15 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. on

Does television kill? This is the question on

Frontline, the US public-TV documentary series

that airs tonight at 10 on the Discovery Channel.

The program examines the connection between

violent programming and the high crime rate in the

On a lighter note, the Olympic info-tainment

onstaught continues tonight on Atlanta Preview '96, with a relatively interesting cast of characters.

he didn't qualify for a fourth time on the strength of

ers, are starting to gain acceptance at the Games. Mountain biking will make its debut this year, and

Denmark's Henrik Djernis is tipped for gold.

Remember volleyball god Karch Kiraly?

Sporting a killer ginger flat-top hairdo, he was the

the emotional spark plug of the US team in years

past. Now he's at the center of a controversy over

qualifications for the new Olympic sport of beach

volleyball. Next thing you know, they'll be award-

Catch the action on Super Channel at 11 p.m. For a more journalistic outlook, tune in to BBC

World at 5:30 p.m. for The Contenders. In the first

of five parts - "The Human Machine" - the series

shows how science and technology are used to pro-

5 Pd replace an element of

humanity for wetness (8)

6 Girl earned trouble from

7 Sports event one's bound to

8 Superior ship stuck in mud

13 Repugnance over skin flick

16 Obliged to have been round

17 Withdraw when month's

19 Embarrassed about Yale

20 Grab shilling, of course (6)

23 Look up at castle tower (4)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Striker, 5 Light, 8 Infer, 9 Contain, 10 Sternal, 11 Under, 12 Sphere, 14 Traine, 17 Crawi, 19

Revival, 22 Embrace, 23 Relic, 24

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4 Recall, 5 Languer, 6 Guard, 7 Tantrum, 12 Secrete, 15 Release, 15

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. the cargo area (8)

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· Runner Carl Lewis may be difficult to like, but

· "Extreme" sports, a favorite with Generation X-

Martin Bell, the BBC's senior correspondent in

STREET THEATER

HELEN KAYE

IT'S festival time in Bat Yam, and you can catch all the acts because they all perform four times, twice on each night. The general area is Nissenbaum and Haroshet streets, and there are signposts to the eight different stages. The fun starts at 6 p.m., the last show is at around 11. As well as local acts like the talented Zitzland trio, Diabolo and Tav with its unside-down trees and scaffolding houses, the festival presents high-wire dancers, Les Elastonautes, weird stiltwalkers Hors Strates, the Natural Theater Company (audience participation solicited), and the Skate Naked juggledacrobats, among some 20 sets of performers. It's all absolutely free.

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HELEN KAYE

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1 Official body in charge of

9 Frame Charles and his

little sister (7)

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11 Place is an eyesore, it's said

12 Gilbertian brothers liable

14 Minister is first to protest

at criminal act (6)

15 Get back to intervene in

haphazard plan (8)

17 I undress, scattering

18 Book right on end of shelf

various articles (8)

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8:30 News 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

TELEVISION

WHAT'S ON

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Animated series on animals 8:30 Tomosts 9:00 Gaya, Gal and Giti 9:15 Kalimaru 9:30 The Little Mermaid 10:00 Little Women - animated version 10:30 Vacation Studio 13:00 Animated series on animals 13:30 Tomcats 14:00 Gaya, Gal and Gli 14:14 Kalimaru 14:30 Moomins 15:00 in the Land of Dreams 15:15 Garganius

E CHANNEL 1

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ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Sports Magazine 19:00 News in

EBREW PROGRAMS 19:31 Grace Under Fire - comedy 20:00 Mebat News 20:45 Popolitica 22:05 The Final Cut 23:00 Backtrack 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

CHANNEL 2

10:00 Fairy Tales with Shelty Duval 11:00 Hanan and Natan (rpt) 11:30 Trick or Treat (rpt) 12:00 See-Saw ~ new children's program anchored by Yael Bar-Zochar and Michael Hanegbi, with interaction between youngsters in the studio and viewers at home 13:00

A Matter of Time 13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air (pt) 14:00 Tick Tack 14:30 All Together Now 15:00 Super Duper 15:30 Make a Wish 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 13:00 Make a Wish 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 13:00 Make a Wish 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 13:00 Make Together Now 15:00 Make Together Now 15:0 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshet 17:30 Half the Tribe 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 its a Deal 21:05 Zehu Zeh -comedy 21:40 Dan Shilon Live 23:15 Stags 23:45 Almost Midnight 00:00 News 00:05 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958) - Tennessee Williams classic with Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman and Burl Ives (108 mins.) 2:00 On the

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8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 Absolution - A devout priest is tested when one of his students makes a horrifying confession. (95 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Happiness 17:45 Magnum 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN Headline News 20:30 Top Cops 20:55 Diagnosis Murder 21:45 Snowy Piver 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King Live 24:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

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Amores – soap opera series about
young married couples 19:00 News in
Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Meet John Doe (1941) -social commentary about a naive man who agrees to spearhead a national goodwill drive on behalf of a corrupt politician. Starning Gary Cooper, Barbara Starning, Edward Arnold and Walter Brennan. (132 mins.) 22:10 Adventures and Challenges 23:20 Jazz Into the Night

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Aloine Academy 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Besic Arabic 19:30 Reflection 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Zombit Business 21:30 Ratio Bikini - US nuclear testing in the Pacific 22:30 Star Trek - The Next Generation 23:15 Mother and Son

II FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perta Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 The Young and the Resiless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Parla Negra 20:50 Married with Children 21:15 The Nanny 21:40 Mad About You 22:05 Hope and Gloria 22:30 Murphy Brown 22:55 Second Time Around 23:20 Millions 23:45 Melmas Plane 01:30 Wings 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Sweet Justice 1:20 Rosie O'Neil

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

13:00 The "in" Crowd (1988) - the lives and loves of the teenagers who participated in TV dance shows in the States (rpt) 14:30 Behind the Scenes of The Hunchback of Notre Dame 14:55 Le Ouei des Brumes (1938, French) – Jean Gabin is a good-hearted sodier gone AWOL who rescues a young girl from a gang of criminals (npt) 16:25 The Wonder Years 16:50 Gangland (1987) - Warren Miller, a former cop during Prohibition, finds himself deteri-orating into a life of crime (rpt) 18:25

Switching Parents (1992) - a boy goes to court to get a divorce from his biological parents and to be adopted by another couple (rpt) 19:55 Special program on new film The Peraz Family 20:05 Dave (1993) - when the president of the United States has a stroke, his double, Dave, takes his place with unprecedented success. With Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and Ben Kingsley. Directed by Ivan Reitman (105 mins.) 21:50 What's New at the Movies 22:00 Where Are My Children? (1994) – a young mother who comes out of jail to discover that her children have been taken away from her sets out to find them (88 mins.) 23:35 The Turning (1992) - a disturbed young man becomes violent when he realizes that his return home will not prevent his parents' divorce (rpt) 1:05 Reflections on a Crime (1994) - Mimi Rogers as a femme fatale on Death Row playing a game of cert and mouse with a guard 2:35 Especially on Sunday (1991) -- four different stories of love and hate, each symbolic of a season. With Philippe Noiret, Ornella Muti and Maria

E CHILDREN (6)

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22:00 I Hired a Contract Killer (1990) — a clerk, fired from his job of 15 years, is unable to commit suicide and hires a hitman to kill him, just as he is about to fall in love with a flower seller. Directed by Aki Kaurismaki (78 mins.) 23:35 After the Rehearsal (1984, Swedish) behind the scenes of a production of a Strindberg play, Ingmar Bergman pon-ders the relation between art and reality. With Lena Olin, Ingrid Thulin and Erland Josephson (70 mins.)

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9:30 International Motor Sports 9:30 International Motor Sports Magazine 10:30 Truck Racing 11:00 Soccer: European Cup - final (rpt) 13:00 Car Racing: Formula 1 French Grand Prix (rpt) 14:00 Soccer: European Cup - final (rpt) 16:00 Bicycle Racing: Tour de France - five 18:30 Car Racing: Indicar US Grand Prix (rpt) 20:00 Car Racing: Formula 1 French Grand Prix (rpt) 21:00 Motor Sports Magazine 23:00 Bicycle Racing: Tour de France - tound-up 00:00 Tractor Putling 1:00 Eurogoff

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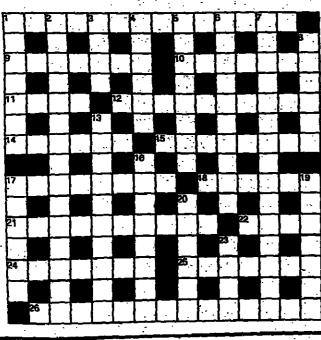
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for financial irregularities ALL parties except Hadash and United Tordah Judaism got a clean bill of health on their financial reports for 1995, according to the

state comptroller's annual report on party financing, published yesterday,

Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat fined Hadash and UTJ NIS 100,000 and NIS 75,000 respectively, for failing to include the activities of some of their branches in their final report. However, this is much less than the maximum fine of three months' funding, or NIS 1 million for Hadash and NIS 834,450 for UTJ, which indicates that the violations were relatively

Ben-Porat said she considered giving negative reports to several other parties as well, includ-ing Labor and Likud, but in the end did not.

Her doubts about Labor, which also applied to Meretz and Hadash, related to the rally last November at which prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was murdered. This rally, which involved large expenditures, was officially sponsored by an independent organization. However, Labor. Meretz and Hadash all ran ads publicizing the event, and clearly intended to get political benefit from it, Ben-Porat wrote.

There is no doubt that the expenditures connected to the rally constituted a contribution to the parties mentioned, and especially to the Labor Party, in violation of paragraph 8 of the Party Funding Law [which forbids political donations by organizations], Ben-Porat wrote. "However, in light of the tragic conclusion of the rally, and the inestimably heavy price which the horrible murder exacted, I can-

Porat fines Hadash, UTJ

not bring my hand to sign a negative report only on the basis of the violations mentioned

Regarding the Likud, Ben-Porat said her doubts related to various activities which it. the NRP, Tsomet and Moledet carried out in conjunction with the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria, including major rally in Jerusalem's Zion Square in October. In each case, there was a clear written agreement as to how much money each party would contribute, and both Tsomet and Moledet paid their shares. However, the Likud and the NRP did not. By allowing the council to foot the bill, Ben-Porat said, Likud and NRP were guilty of illegally accepting a donation

from an organization. 'However, I decided to take into account the fact that the Likud and the NRP fulfilled all the other requirements of the law, and so - not without hesitations - I concluded that it would be too stringent to give these parties a negative report," she wrote.

A third issue which Ben-Porat said caused her considerable uncertainty was the contribu-tions which both Tsomet and Moledet received from the Hecht Fund prior to the 1992 Knesset elections. Originally, she had okayed both these contributions, on the understanding that they came from an individual. Last year, however, she discovered that the Hecht Fund is in fact a registered organization. She therefore

considered retroactively giving these two par-

However, she said, a long time has passed since the contributions were received, and Moledet, at least, appears to have been gen-. uinely confused about the fund's status. Therefore, she said, she decided to settle for making the parties refund the money, which

Tsomet, however, is currently being investigated by the police regarding two contradictory letters that it received from the fund's accountants. Depending on the results of this investigation, Ben-Porat said, she might still retroactively cancel Tsomet's positive report.

In her report, Ben-Porat also indicated two sections of the law which she believes need to be changed. The section which deals with contributions from the Histadrut is very unclear, she said, while the section which forbids parties to take out loans from anyone except a bank does not include any penalties for disobedience.

Finally, she discussed the habit many cities have of exempting parties from paying municipal rates (arnona) on their local offices, which constitutes an illegal contribution. Because both the parties and the municipalities have made considerable progress towards correcting this fault since she sent a letter of warning last June. she wrote, she decided not to penalize any of the parties for such behavior in this report.

According to the report, the parties received NIS 78.4 million from the state in 1995, and spent NIS 79.8 million. These expenditures were within the permitted limits.

Court rejects Moledet request to join election fraud appeal

THE Jerusalem District Court yesterday rejected Moledet's request to join the Labor Party's appeal against the election results, thereby ensuring that the appeal will be confined to the prime ministerial race.

Labor's original appeal asked that the results of every ballot box in the country be checked for fraud and that new elections be held if the results of this check uncover enough cases of suspected fraud to throw the outcome of the prime ministerial race in doubt. Since the gap between Binyamin Netanyahu and Shimon Peres was less than 30,000 votes. Labor argued, a relatively small number of apparently fraudulent ballots would be enough to invalidate the results.

However Labor's appeal related only to the prime ministerial race, whereas Moledet's appeal applied to the Knesset race as well. The latter charged that it missed getting a third Knesset seat by only some 300 votes and that it believes fraud accounted for this shortfall.

Judges Vardimos Zailer, Shalom Brenner and David Cheshin rejected Moledet's appeal on the spot, on the grounds that it was filed after the legal deadline. By law, appeals against the election results can be filed only within 15 days of when the final results are published in the government's official gazette, Reshumot.

On Thursday, the court will hear the continuation of Labor's appeal, after the Central Elections Committee and the Likud have submitted their responses. The appeal is based on Labor's check of some 100 polling stations, in a large percentage of which the party claims to have uncovered fraud. Both the CEC and the Likud said they wanted to check these findings themselves before responding to the appeal.

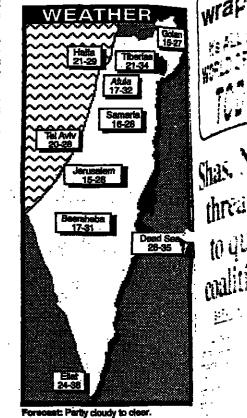
Moledet leader Rehavam

Ze'evi, asked by reporters at yesterday's hearing whether he was really willing to endanger Netanhayu's election as prime minister for the sake of a third MK for his party, dismissed this consideration.

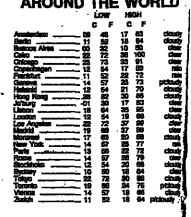
"I have no obligation to either side - only to my voters," he said, according to Itim. "If Netanyahu won by virtue of votes he shouldn't have gotten, then he should go back where he came from."



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Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades king of hearts, nine of diamonds. and king of clubs.

Netanyahu, Clinton will discuss Arad

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday that the effort to release captured navigator Ron Arad will continue and the subject will be raised in his forthcoming talks with US President Bill Clinton. He was speaking after meeting with members of the

Arad family.
Netanyahu also met yesterday with MKs from the Democratic Arab Party who told him they were pleased to hear that he planned to continue the peace process. "There are differences of opinion about how to achieve peace, but we shall open up channels and speak and see how these can be resolved," Netanyahu told

Lau calls on hematologist to apologize to patient CHIEF Rabbi Yisrael Lau yes-

Ben-Ari postponed **RAINE MARCUS**

Plea hearing for Vardi,

FORMER Yediot Aharonot editor Moshe Vardi and former news editor Ruth Ben-Ari appeared in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yes-

terday for what should have been

a plea hearing. But the hearing was postponed until the end of

Vardi and Ben-Ari, who were forced to resign after indictments on wiretapping charges were filed against them, refused to talk to reporters.

The hearing has already been postponed twice, to give the defendants time to appoint a lawyer. Now they have a lawyer, who argued that he had not had sufficient time to examine the evidence. Judge Yehudit Amsterdam agreed to postpone evidence.

the hearing. Vardi and Ben-Ari have been charged with commissioning and

listening to tapes of phone conversations of former Yediot editorin-chief Dov Yudkovsky, before he moved to Ma'ariv. They are also charged with listening to illegally recorded cellular phone conversations of Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi and attempting to tap graphic artist Orit Lipshitz's

The bugging was carried out by former private investigators Amir Ben-Asher and Ya'acov Bak, who are expected to appear as prosecution witnesses. Bak is serving a prison sentence for the attempted murder of Russian mafia members here, while his former partner is still on trial. Bak reached an agreement with the district attorney whereby he would receive a 12-month term for wiretapping if he testified against Ben-Ari and

Hospital instead.

terday called on leading hema-tologist Prof. Eliezer The case has received extensive Rachmilevich to apologize to patient Dassy Rabinowitz, following allega-tions he refused to allow his department to treat her after she had sought treatment from

a different physician. According to the Rabinowitz family, Rachmilevich, who had originally treated Dassy at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, had left standing orders at the hos-pital that she not be treated without his consent, after learning she had sought treatment from Prof. Ya'acov Rao at Haifa's Rambam Hospital. As a result, she could not receive an emergency blood transfusion at Hadassah in May, and had to be treated at Shaare Zedek

media coverage since it was first reported in Ma'ariv last week. According to the Ma'ariv report, Rachmilevich also made insulting remarks about Rao to the Rabinowitz family. "I would expect that a person-

ality of the level of Prof. Rachmilevich would know that the physician's oath ... is his ultimate commitment," Lau said, in a statement released by his office. "It would not occur to anyone that personal motives or formalities would determine whether a person lives or dies." Lau also called on

Rachmilevich to retract the remarks he reportedly made about Rao. ...

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another hearing on Galnoor dismissal **EVELYN GORDON** THE High Court of Justice paricism of the move last week -

Court to hold

tially canceled an injunction yesterday against the replacement of Civil Service Commissioner Yitzhak Galnoor, but kept the show-cause order against his dismissal in place.

The partial lifting of the injunction means the government can take steps to replace Galnoor with former cabinet secretary Shmuel Hollander, as it tried to do last

However, the court ruled that should the cabinet decide to appoint Hollander, the appointment will not take effect until three days later, in order to give both Galnoor and the Movement for Quality Government in Israel

time to ask for a new injunction. Finally, the court decided to hold another hearing on the petition after a meeting between Galnoor and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, at which time, if Netanyahu is still set on dismissing Galnoor, the court will make a final decision on the legal-

ity of this move. The decisions were made at a hearing yesterday on the petitions which the movement and Galnoor had submitted against the dismissal. The petitions argued that since the civil service commissioner's job is to prevent the politicization of the civil service, it is improper for this post to itself

become a political appointment,

whose occupant changes every

Following the court's sharp crit-

time the government does.

including the fact that no effort was even made to talk to Galnoor the cabinet decided to rescind Galnoor's dismissal until after Netanyahu meets with Galnoor and explains why he wants to replace him. In light of this decision, the state asked that the peti-

tions be withdrawn. However, both Galnoor and the movement argued that nothing had really changed, since cabinet secretary Danny Naveh's affidavit to the court made it clear that the meeting with Netanyahu would be pro forma, rather than a real attempt to see whether the two

> could work together. "It's a tactical retreat," said movement chairman Eliad Shraga. "But in essence, every-

thing is still the way it was.' Justices Aharon Barak, Gavriel Bach and Mishael Cheshin agreed

with the petitioners. "[It seems that Netanyahu's] mind is made up, and he's only explaining his reasons [to Galnoor]," Bach said. "He's not willing to listen to any arguments... This is just going through

the motions." The justices therefore decided to leave the show-cause orders in force, and to hold a final hearing after the Netanyahu-Galnoor meeting. However, they partially lifted the injunction which had prevented the government from taking any steps towards getting Hollander's appointment approved.

Show-cause for Kiryat Gat mayor who won't resign **EVELYN GORDON**

THE High Court of Justice has given Likud MK Ze'ev Boim 15 days to justify his failure to resign as mayor of Kiryat Gat upon being elected to the Knesset. Last week, the court issued a similar showcause order against Likud MK David Re'em, who declined to resign as mayor of Kiryat Ata. Both men are apparently violating a recently passed law forbidding people to serve as MKs and mayors simultaneously. However, in neither case did the court issue an injunction forbidding the dual tenure until the hearing.

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